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Hemphill, author of 'Mascara, She Wrote,' offers advice in BSL.

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Women's Day Program at Macedonia Baptist

Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church of Waveland will host a Women's Day Program today, Sunday, at 3 p.m. Speaker will be Sister Jenkins from First Baptist Church, Bay St. Louis.

St. Stanislaus College final placement tests

On Tuesday, March 12, 2002 the final placement test for incoming 7th and 8th grade day students for the 2002 - 2003 school year at St. Stanislaus will be held. Please contact Mrs. Dolores Richmond at 467-9057 ext. 227 for more information.

Shelter to close for 'Paws on Parade'

The Waveland Animal Shelter will be closed on Sat., March 23, for participation in the Paws on Parade event on Coleman Ave., with a booth set up at Central and Coleman.

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Donna Edelman works as a waitress at The Good Life in Bay St. Louis, but she says she didn't always have a good life herself, especially when she dated a man later accused of killing another woman and who she says forced her to lead a life of ...

DOMESTIC TERROR

Murder suspect was awaiting trial on domestic violence charges

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Donna Edelman had a domestic abuse charge pending in Hancock County against one of the two men charged in the brutal Valentine's Day slaying of a Bay St. Louis waitress in Pass Christian.

Edelman said she had been reading recently about domestic violence cases on the rise in Hancock County, and she decided to break her silence in hopes law enforcement officials and the courts would bring those accused of domestic abuse to trial more quickly. "It's too late for Michele (Garrell), but I can't help but feel her death might have been avoided," said Edelman.

Hunters found Garell's body dumped in a wooded section of the McHenry Community in rural Harrison County in mid-February. The 21-year-old had recently moved to Bay St. Louis from Altoona, Pa., and landed a job as a waitress at Daddy O's Cafe & Grill in Waveland.

Harrison County Coroner Gary Hargrove released no details on the extent of Garell's injuries, except to rule she died of asphyxiation.

The Harrison County Sheriff's Department was aided in the investigation by the Pass Christian Police Department, the Stone County Sheriff's office, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and



Donna Edelman, shown here at work at The Good Life in Bay St. Louis, says she feels fortunate to be alive after suffering alleged attacks from a man accused of murdering another Bay St. Louis waitress.

the United States Forestry Services. Two suspects were arrested within two days after the body was found.

Alton Legee Welch, 39, and Kelvin Cameron Clark,

42, were taken into custody at the Pass Christian apartment they shared. Investigators said the victim was found with one tennis shoe, and the matching tennis shoe was located at

the men's apartment.

Investigators released few details on their theories of motive for the murder, but said only that a combi-

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Waveland Kmart spared in closings

284 other stores, including Gautier & Biloxi, get axed

ECHO STAFF REPORT
Attention Kmart shoppers: You still have plenty of time.

The Waveland Kmart store has apparently escaped the axe in a massive onslaught of store closings announced Friday by the company's national headquarters in Troy, Mi.

The Big Kmart store in Long Beach will also apparently be spared. Six other Kmart stores in Mississippi, however, were not so lucky - including operations in Biloxi, Gautier, Pascagoula, Hattiesburg, Laurel and Vicksburg.

The Kmart Corporation issued a press release Friday morning indicating it intends to "close 284 under-performing stores as part of its initial Chapter 11 financial objectives review. The stores to be closed include 271 Kmart discount stores and 12 Kmart Supercenter retail outlets in 40 states, and 1 Kmart store in Puerto Rico. The closure of these stores is expected to significantly enhance the company's

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County tax collector's office brought up to ADA standards

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

The Hancock County's Tax Assessor/Collector's office is now more friendly to the elderly and handicapped.

The renovations to the central office located on Main Street in downtown Bay St. Louis are now complete, and Assessor Jimmie Ladner showed off the new improvements last week.

The county has been

under a federal mandate to improve county buildings, including the historic downtown courthouse, and bring them in compliance with the American with Disabilities Act. Work on the assessor's office took about four months, Ladner said.



Ladner

Compton Engineering was the project manager for the work, and designed specifications to put the work out to public bid. KanDuit Construction,

Inc., of Picayune was low bidder on the contract at \$29,961. There was a cost overrun of \$825 when contractors ran into some unexpected problems during the renovation.

Improvements to the office include front doors that automatically open from the outside and inside by a press switch.

A service window was also lowered at the rear of the vehicle tag area to make it accessible to those in wheelchairs. And, a new

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The Hancock County Tax Assessor/Collector's office in Bay St. Louis has been renovated to allow better access for the handicapped.

Waveland alderman shouts 'harassment'; city attorney accuses Bernard of 'slander'

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Waveland Ward 1 Alderman Milton Bernard last week accused city attorney Zach Butterworth of "harassment" against Waveland Public Works Director Ray Eaton.

Bernard's remarks came near the end of an already-contentious meeting, after which, Butterworth asked the alderman if he were familiar with the term "slander."

In the meeting, Bernard admonished Butterworth for his use of the word "admonish" in a letter to Eaton.

In a letter from Eaton to Butterworth dated Feb. 25, Eaton asked Butterworth's legal opinion on whether an existing concrete driveway is on public or private land, and whether the city could legally fill potholes on the 20-ft. strip.

"My suggestion is that if anyone is in a position to review the plat of the official streets of the city of Waveland," Butterworth said in a reply dated Feb. 27, "you should be privy to that plat. ... You should determine whether this area has ever been formally accepted by the city, either tacitly or formally, at a city meeting. In the absence of that, we should look to historical data as to whether the city has ever done any improvements or maintained this right-of-way in

the past several years. If the answers to those questions are both negative, then it is my opinion that this is a private right-of-way and you should not be maintaining it in the absence of explicit instructions from the mayor and board of aldermen ...

"It is unlawful to (improve) private property with public funds, which I know that I do not need to admonish you about. I hope that this is of some help to you."

In the next paragraph of the letter, Butterworth wrote "I see that you have the right-of-way agreement prepared for the skating park last week. I believe that it is unfortunate that you bothered (former city attorney) Ronnie Artigues to do this when, in fact, I expressed to you that the owner of the property should consider paying an attorney to do it on their behalf."

"This letter borders on harassment," Bernard told Butterworth during the meeting. He also took issue with the fact that Butterworth implied Eaton had "bothered" Artigues for legal work.

"He asked you a legal question ..." Bernard said. "I really think this is harassment."

The meeting ended abruptly when Ward 1 Alderman Charles Piazza stood up, asked that a letter

of request be sent to the Hancock County Board of Supervisors to ask for help with a drainage ditch, then called for the meeting to adjourn.

After the meeting, when most of the audience had left the city hall annex room, Butterworth cornered Bernard and said "You ever hear of slander?"

"I had a purpose for writing that letter," he said, and added that he had tried several times to speak to Eaton, but Eaton had not answered any of his messages.

Earlier in the meeting, Bernard had already rebuked Butterworth over a matter the board had been discussing.

Mayor Tommy Long had asked to the board to discuss hiring Bruce Newton as an engineering consultant for the city. Longo said that Newton would just be on retainer to help in getting city drainage and sewage systems completed.

"We have \$686,000 in the budget to complete sewerage," Longo said, "and we've only spent \$18,000 so far."

"I think the administration could change in nine months," Bernard said. "Let's get through this year the way we've been doing. Let's do things the way they've been done through this administration."

Bernard called for a vote, and aldermen unanimously shot down Longo's request.

He vetoed their vote, then they overrode his veto.

Butterworth asked the aldermen to reconsider.

"In all of your agenda," he said, "you have like six substantial matters dealing with surveying or engineering."

He said that from a legal standpoint, the board would be better off having an engineer look over projects and make sure everything is being done properly.

"If we don't have it in the budget," Ward 3 Alderman Louie Smolensky asked, "why should we hire a part-time this and a part-time that?"

Bernard told Butterworth that since "our first meeting here," Longo has tried to commit the board to projects such as the proposed multi-million dollar Coleman Ave. marina, and the board simply wasn't interested in committing the city to such costly projects.

"I think you need to let this board decide what to do, rather than trying to tell us what to do," Bernard said.

"I'm just telling you that I'm not an engineer and neither is Ray Eaton," Butterworth said, "and I think that's totally dangerous to rely on somebody like that."

Longo said that the city did contract the services of engineer Steve Lady in the previous administration.

and engineers had been hired on retainer in previous administrations.

In other action last week:

• "In the last meeting when we turned down that grant," Piazza said to Longo, "you said that we've lost grants in the past." He asked which grants those were. Longo said the board passed on a \$500,000 grant for senior citizens housing, and grants to help with sewerage in wards 3 and 4.

"I really don't recall voting down any sewerage for Ward 4," Piazza said.

"When did I vote against a grant for sewerage in the third ward?" Smolensky asked.

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'Queen Guru of Glamour' to sign books, dispense advice

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Glamour is Adrienne Hemphill's business. Now she has taken her experience in the glamour business and put it in book form. *Mascara She Wrote*, as every woman's practical guide to looking her best.

The book is done in the author's own forthright style and filled with anecdotes from Hemphill's own experiences as a fashion and makeup consultant for over twenty years. She sees fashion as a statement of the inner personality, so why not have fun, she says. Almost more than anything else, she hates brown lipstick, which she says, "does nothing for anybody."

Hemphill has always been fascinated with the transformation a woman makes when she makes herself up for a special event, she said. This fascination began as a child when her mother allowed her to watch as she got ready for a party. As a child, she watched carefully each brush stroke as her mother transformed herself into the diva Hemphill so admired. On Saturday mornings, she would practice the methods she had observed on herself.

As a young woman, Hemphill's first love was opera and she foresaw her future as a famous opera singer and she has performed in many productions. While pursuing this dream she found herself working on costumes and makeup in college theater, thus the beginning of her



Adrienne Hemphill, the "Queen Guru of Glamour," and author of *Mascara She Wrote* will be at Bookends Bookstore to sign books and dispense advice on March 12.

business as the self-proclaimed "Queen Guru of Glamour."

Though she was born in Baltimore, Hemphill's family moved back to Mississippi, her father's home, when she was in her teens. She considers herself a Southern woman in every sense of the word. Southern women are steel magnolias and southern men understand that, she said.

While attending junior high school in Biloxi, she met her present husband Jerry for the first time. After college, the two met again at a party and became friends.

Years later the two began a long distance romance, she in Jackson, he in Bay St. Louis, and were married two years ago in May, and Hemphill made her home here.

"Leaving behind my yoga

classes and my clients has been a big change but I am very happy being here," she said.

Hemphill is a member of the Mississippi Film Commission and has practiced her skills on many famous people. She has also worked on many movie sets including, recently, *Oh Brother, Where Art Thou*. She owned a business as a wardrobe consultant in Jackson and had a long list of clients. She also sells a line of makeup by mail order.

Hemphill considers herself an artist, gifted with the ability to transform. She also takes a keen interest in yoga, which she both practices and teaches.

Hemphill will be at Bookends Bookstore on Tuesday, March 12 at 5:30 p.m. until, to sign copies of her book.

Hearing set on motorcycle/ATV track

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

A public hearing is scheduled for March 21 on a proposal to allow a motorcycle-All Terrain Vehicle practice track on property in rural Hancock County.

Partners Mark Christman and Curt Ahee came before the Hancock County Planning Commission Feb. 21 to out-

line their plans for a private, outdoor recreation area on 83-plus acres off Deerwood Road.

The area, near Dedeaux-Fenton Road, is now zoned "A-1, Agricultural," and developers are seeking a "Conditional Use" in order to build their track.

The land lies in Supervisor Lisa Coward's District 3, and she said she

has had a couple of calls "for and against" the proposal. She said she plans to personally tour the property soon.

The public hearing on the proposal is scheduled for 5:15 p.m. Thursday, March 21, at the Planning Commission office, 151 Main Street, in downtown Bay St. Louis.

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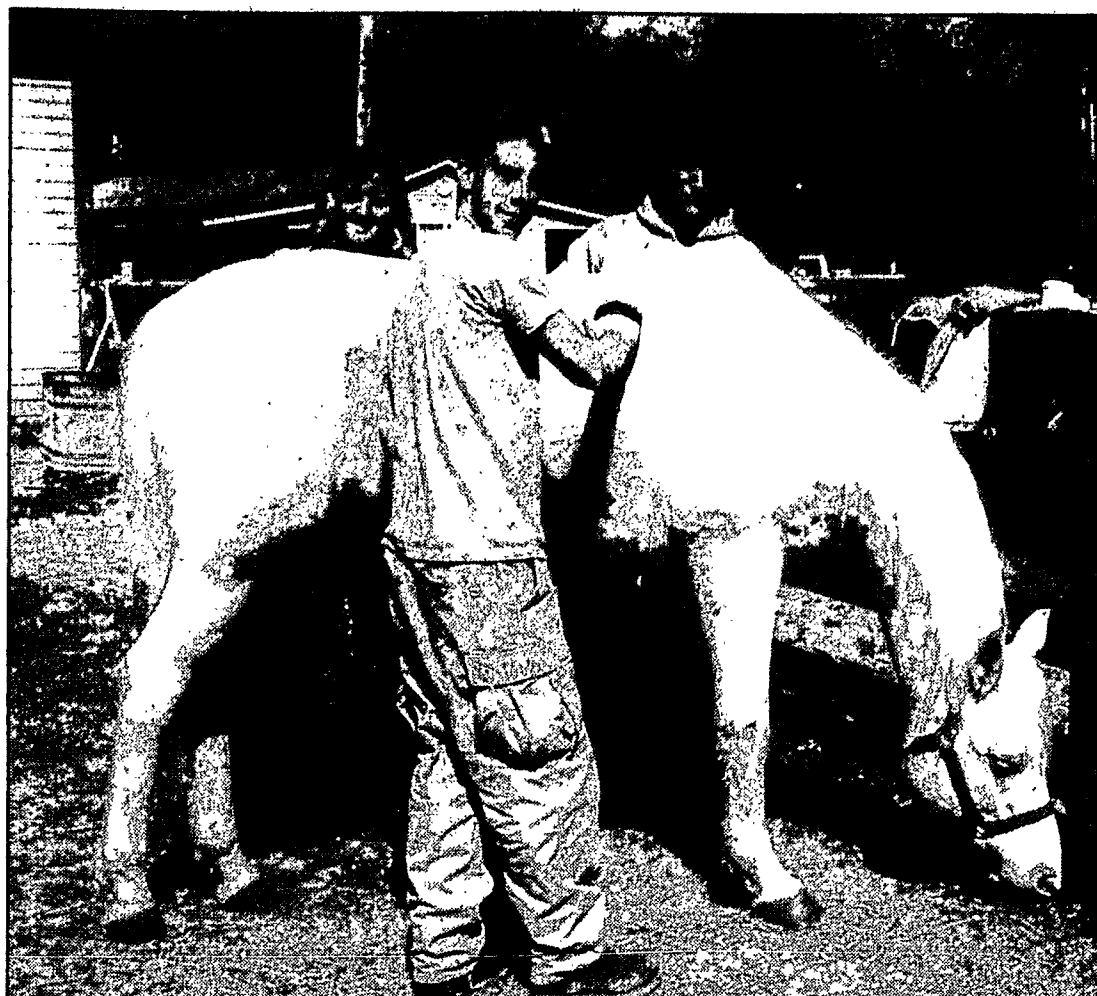
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Echo staff photos by Bennie Shallbetter
Emily Cook, Ari Weinberg and Benjamin McCarthy at work at Gaits to Success in Kiln. AmeriCorps team members rotated between jobs during their stay.

AmeriCorps loves Hancock Co.

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

The team of twelve young men and women from AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps who have been working in our area for the past month are part of a group of 50,000 such young people nationwide, who have served in the program this year.

The Gold 6 team has been lending a hand at Hope Haven Children's Shelter, Gulf Coast Community Action Center, Hancock County Child Development, Gaits to Success and the Waveland Civic Center.

The organization is open to anyone between the ages of 18-24 and offers not only an educational award of \$4,725 for each year of service, but more importantly teaches the values of character, courage, commitment and community service in its participants.

Members also learn an array of skills from carpentry to teaching and everything in between, giving them not only a jump start for future employment, but direction and self confidence that lasts a lifetime. And of course participants learn valuable lessons in human relations by living and working for a year with team members with varied personalities and backgrounds.

"I am getting the opportunity to be around people I would never have had the opportunity to be around," said Emily Cook. "This work differs from a normal job because you are living with the people you are working with and everyone has to learn to get along to make the system work."

"I had never really been in America before now," said



Jordon Anderson and Angie Klintworth tutor a reading session at Gulf Coast Community Action Agency at their new center in Waveland.

Ari Weinberg of his experience.

Benjamin McCarthy said he enjoys the small town community atmosphere in the area. "People really talk to one another here," he said.

"We are still searching for our place in the world and the people who run the various organizations are inspiring to be around," said Rebecca Locken. "We learn how to get along with and function with people who are completely different than ourselves. It has also made me grateful for what I have and what I've been given."

"This is a great way to better yourself while serving others and learning new skills that make me a more well rounded person, like how to adapt to a team environment," said Angie Klintworth.

"You have to give in a little and have some self sacrifice for the benefit of the team," said Jordon Anderson.

"I've gotten to know myself better and I know that I want community in

my life," said Tara Hirp.

While here the team turned what was basically a warehouse into a cheerful recreational center for Hope Haven. The team also worked directly with the children at the center. At the Community Action Center they tutored reading and interacted with at risk teens. Gaits had team members helping with riding classes, caring for horses and helping to level land for a paving project. Child Development saw members involved in direct care of children and helping with administrative duties. Due to the illness of a contractor, team members were unable to complete the scheduled work at the Waveland Civic Center.

On Saturday the team loaded up the van and headed to their next project in Charleston, SC. After Charleston, they will work on two more projects before graduation in late July. This is the fourth team to come to our area in the past two years. For more information on the AmeriCorps program call 1-800-942-2677.

Taylor draws 3 opponents

BY ED LEPOMA
STAFF WRITER

Six-term Incumbent U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor of Bay St. Louis has drawn three opponents in the coming June primary elections for the U.S. House of Representatives.

Following the state's redistricting which caused the loss of one Congressional District based on the 2000 census, Taylor, a Democrat, now represents the fourth District.

The deadline for qualifying was Friday a week ago, and the Secretary of State's Office released the names of those qualifying in all the House and Senate races.

Taylor's opponents include: Republican Karl Metz of Long Beach; Reform Party candidate Thomas Huffmaster of Hattiesburg; and Libertarian Party candidate Wayne Parker of Perkinston.

Taylor was first elected to represent the state's Fifth Congressional District in a special election in 1989. The election was called when Republican Rep. Larkin Smith was killed in a plane accident.

Taylor has been re-elected for six consecutive terms.

As a result of redistricting, incumbent U.S. Rep. Charles "Chip" Pickering Jr. of Hebron will attempt to hold on to his Third Congressional District seat, but will have to face U.S. Rep. Ronnie Shows of Bassfield. Shows, a Democrat, was originally

elected to represent the Fourth Congressional District.

Three others have qualified to run in the Fourth District. They include Harvey Darden of Louisville, an Independent Party candidate; Jim Giles of Pearl, also an Independent; and Brad McDonald of Hattiesburg of the Libertarian Party.

In the U.S. Senate race, incumbent Republican Sen. Thad Cochran of Jackson, has drawn opposition from two Democrats and one Independent Party candidate.

James "Bootie" Hunt of Starkville and Steven Turney of Bassfield have both qualified as Democrats. Shawn O'Hara of Hattiesburg qualified to run as an Independent or as the Reform Party candidate, but the Secretary of State's office has ruled O'Hara's name can only appear once on the ballot either as an independent or a Reform Party nominee.

The primary elections are scheduled Tuesday, June 4, with a runoff election, if necessary, June 25. The general election is scheduled Tuesday, Nov. 5.

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Krewe of Blarney's Halfast Walkin' Klub walks half fast

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

At 2 p.m., Sunday, March 17, the Krewe of Blarney's Halfast Walkin' Klub, the only walking parade on the Coast, will marshal at the "Palace in the Pass" at War Memorial Park on Scenic Drive.

Several toasting stops will be made along the way. Two of the significant stops are at City Hall where more than 50 of the Special Olympics members will be stationed at the reviewing stands.

The other stop is at the Miramar Nursing Home

where some 80 elderly citizens will be assembled in their wheel chairs awaiting hugs, flowers, and beads.

The Walkin' Struttin' Klans, consisting of VIPs, bands, cloggers, jazz groups, Boy Scouts, etc. will be followed by Rooney's Dooneys, and for the first time Dawley's n'Tiques Old Antiquated vehicles of Yesteryear.

Everyone in Green can join in the parading with three steps forward and two steps back.

Grand Marshall is Robert Bass, Mayor of Long Beach.

Colleen is Melissa Denise Russell.

Longbeards Chapter Wild Turkey Dinner set

The South Mississippi Longbeards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will host a dinner this Wednesday, March 13, at the Hancock County Civic Center, 3060 Longfellow Dr. in Bay St. Louis. Doors open at 6 p.m. Dinner at 7. Door prizes will be awarded.

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OPINION

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

The 55th annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Pilgrimage continues today through next Saturday.

The pilgrimage this afternoon is in Jackson County in the communities of Pascagoula, Moss Point and Gautier. The hours are from 1 to 5 p.m.

Pass Christian and Pass Christian Isles are on tap for Monday, March 8.

Pass Christian Isles tours are from 10 a.m. to noon with the Point Garden Club as host.

The tour includes the home of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Eagan, 316 Poindexter; the home of Leboria and Jim Sager, Bo's Tree House, 425 Third Avenue, Henderson Point; the gardens of Susan Schertzer and her mother, Ethel Cheron, 123 Hillcrest Road; and the home of Tom and Brenda LeBlanc, 117 Hillcrest Road.

Downtown Pass Christian activities are from noon to 2 p.m. Lunch will be available at the Scenic Café from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The botanic home and garden Creations, 118 West Scenic Drive will be on the tour.

Tuesday, March 12, is the Bay-Waveland Garden Club's tour with headquarters at the Bay-Waveland Garden Center, 114 Leonard Avenue, Bay St. Louis.

The Garden Club's home is on the National Register of Historic Places, as it was one of the community's original one-room school houses.

There will be refreshments, maps and

brochures available, hours 9 a.m. to noon.

The Bay-Waveland tour includes: Bay St. Louis Little Theatre, 301 Boardman Avenue, Bay, 9 a.m. to noon; the home and courtyard of Mike and Marsh Schmidt, 540 Main Street, Bay, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; the cottage and garden of Elizabeth Kay Harris, 543 Main St., Bay, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; the Hancock County Historical Society at the Kate Lobrano House, 108 Cue St., Bay, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Views from the Front Porch of Paul and Stella LaViolette, 665 North Beach, Waveland, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; the home of Bernard and Rosemary Migliore, 109 Mollere Drive, Waveland, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; the cottage and studio of Susan and Dan McManus, Sr., 304 Nicholson Avenue, Waveland, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.; and the home of George and Lili Stahler, The Green House, 513 Jeff Davis, Waveland, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Wednesday's Pilgrimage activities move to Long Beach and Gulfport; Thursday will be Beauvoir and Historic Biloxi; Friday will be Biloxi; and Saturday Ocean Springs and the Irish Heritage Gala, Biloxi.

The annual Spring Pilgrimage, sponsored by the Gulf Coast Garden Clubs, is one you may want to take advantage of because there is no admission to tour the homes and historic places.

I hope to see you at the annual pilgrimage.

Medicaid budget in crisis in Mississippi

The Senate this week continued working on and debating ways to solve the crisis in funding in the Medicaid budget. It is an extremely difficult and painful task.

Thursday we rejected a plan the House had approved that that would have placed an additional \$1 assessment on nursing home beds, totaling \$3 a day, \$1.50 a day assessment on hospital beds and an assessment of \$1 on each prescription filled in the state.

Veterans homes and VA hospitals would have been exempt from those assessments.

The bill would also have used \$108 million from the Tobacco Trust fund this year and another \$144 million from next year's payments from the tobacco companies to shore up the Medicaid budget for fiscal year 2002 and 2003.

However, as I said, the Senate rejected the bill for a variety of reasons and we now face a deadline of March 7 before

the program runs out of money.

In light of this, and because I've been getting quite a few questions about how we got into this predicament, I think now would be a good time to look at some facts concerning Medicaid.

First of all, we're not alone.

According to the National Conference of State Legislators, Medicaid is significantly over-budget in 23 states with five more saying they will be over-budget soon.

Most states say that spiraling Medicaid costs - coupled with the downturn in the economy has caused them to dip into reserve

funds. As you read this, 15 states have already done so and 10 more are planning to.

So now that we know we're not alone, let's take a look at what is driving this problem.

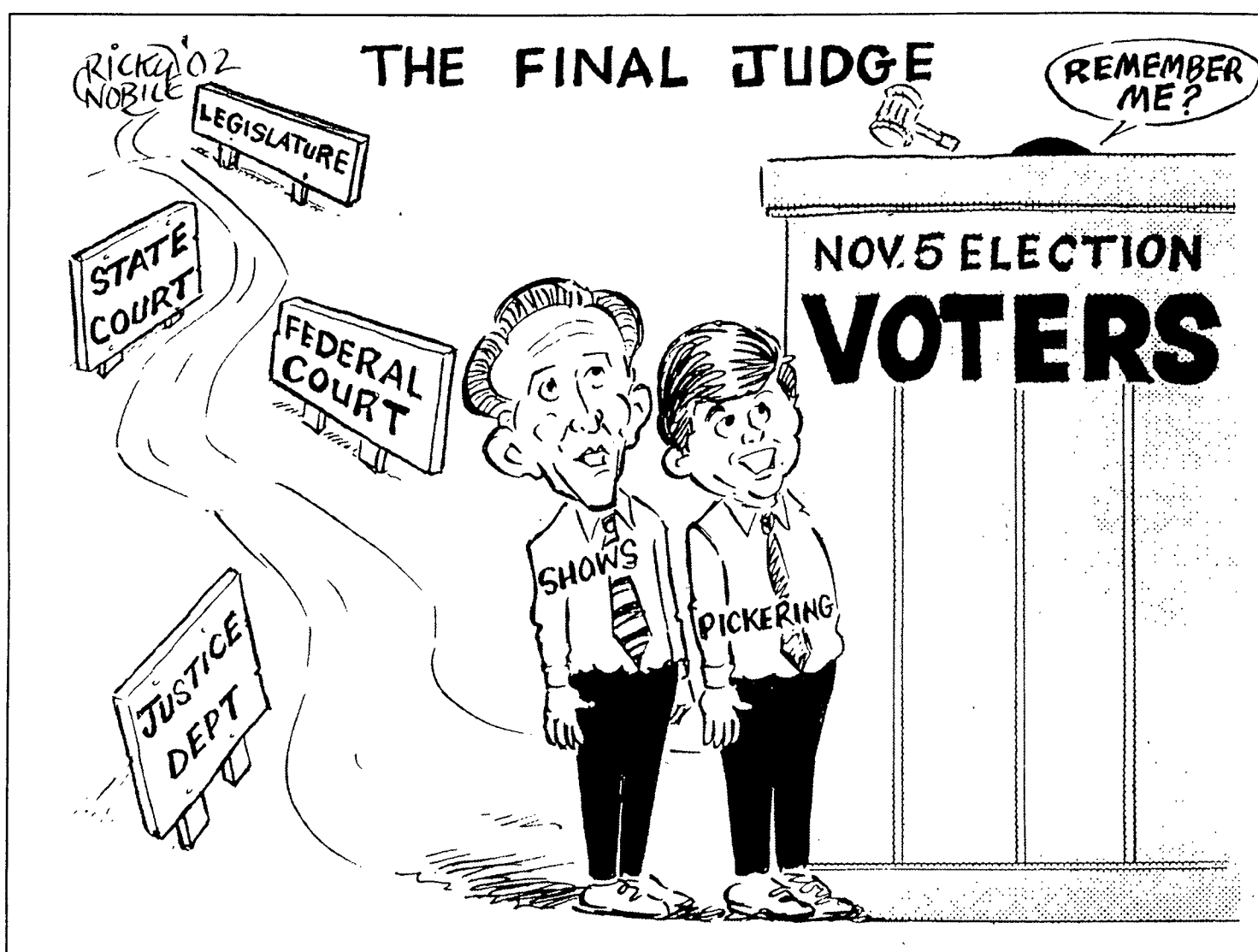
Medicaid provides health insurance for some 44 million low-income Americans - about 650,600 in Mississippi. These are usually the elderly, children and the disabled.

The program pays for one-third of all births in America and nearly two-thirds of all nursing home patients. Overall, in part due to tough economic times, Medicaid costs grew by 11 percent last year alone.



From the Legislature

By State Sen.
Scottie Cuevas



Letters to the Editor

Musgrove shouldn't have vetoed banking bill

To the Editor:

The recent veto of HB 1646 is yet another strike in a long line of items keeping Mississippi from growing.

This legislation would have sent a message that Mississippi is a state where companies can prosper and they're not forced to live in fear of outrageous lawsuits that could put them out of business.

As the president of the Mississippi Bankers Association, I can say that our members are extremely disappointed in Governor Musgrove's veto of a bill designed to both protect borrowers and punish lenders who make wrongful charges.

HB 1646 would have established substantial penalties against lenders who made wrongful charges against consumers, and would have provided for an efficient system whereby consumers could have bypassed the courts and filed their complaint directly with the Department of Banking to resolve their dispute.

Governor Musgrove

wrote in his veto that "the bill arises from a legitimate concern by responsible banks and lenders that mistakes and errors in preparation of loan documents have resulted in unsubstantiated judgments and settlements."

He also wrote, "We should offer legitimate financial institutions the ability to lend money without fear of bankruptcy for the commission of errors and miscalculations."

This bill would have accomplished that goal. It was solid legislation that provided solutions. We appreciate those House and Senate members who voted overwhelmingly for its passage.

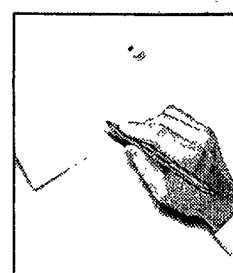
The bill addressed a problem in Mississippi that, unfortunately, because of the Governor's veto, remains today.

Who benefits most from this veto? The plaintiff lawyers, who were the bill's major opponents.

Steve Webb
President, Mississippi
Bankers Association

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.



Technicalities

By State Auditor
Phil Bryant

COUNTIES

Q May a sheriff accept payment for delinquent justice court fines when a mitimus has been issued for failure to pay a fine; or any other time?

A No. Section 9-11-27 explains only the clerk of the justice court may receive and receipt money for the justice court. A sheriff may only receive surety bond money (§99-5-9) for the court.

A sheriff's employee may also be appointed by the board of supervisors and bonded as a deputy justice court clerk for the purpose of receiving money for the justice court, subject to the justice court clerk's policies.

Q When must all 2001 fees be finally withdrawn or

paid to the county and reported to the State Auditor?

A April 15, 2002. (§9-1-43)

Q Who has responsibility for the everyday administrative duties of the justice court clerk?

A The responsibility to oversee everyday administrative duties of the justice court clerk lies with the board of supervisors and may not be delegated to a justice court judge.

A justice court judge has the authority to oversee the duties of the justice court clerk with respect to the conducting of trials and hearings, however, this authority does not extend to the administrative level.

(Attorney General's opinion to Trapp dated November 30, 2001)

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1st-graders decorate Welcome Center



Visitors to the Hancock County Welcome Center can now learn even more about Mississippi thanks to the first graders at Bay Catholic Elementary. Throughout March, the Welcome Center will display the projects created by the students of Elaine LaFontaine and Debbie Johnson to show their knowledge of Mississippi. Each unique poster is highlighted by a map of the state and is loaded with information from the state bird to the state seal. Visitors can even pick up a few fun facts like which famous people are from Mississippi and the meaning of the state's name. The Welcome Center is located at Interstate 10 and Highway 607. For information, call 533-5554.

St. Patrick's Day to highlight story hours

St. Patrick's Day will be the theme for the story hour at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library on Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and Kiln Public Library on Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Magic Pot, There's an Alligator Under My Bed and *My Monster Mama Loves Me So* will be the books read during the program in Bay St. Louis. *Jack and the Leprechaun, Go Away Big Green Monster* and *Where Are You Little Green Dragon?* are the books for the Kiln program. In Bay St. Louis, call 467-5282. In Kiln, call 255-1724.

Rain Tree to host gardening seminar

March 11, 2002 Rain Tree Center Aquatic Gardens at 121 East Second St. Pass Christian will host a seminar on Gulf Coast Gardening featuring Harrison County Extension Service's agent Dr. Chance McDavid on Monday, March

11, 2002. Lunch will be offered for the Noon time seminar. Please make reservations as seating is limited. This event will follow the Pass Christian Isles Garden Club's Spring Pilgrimages' lineup. Call 452-3137 for reservations.

Fleet blessing meeting set

An organizational meeting to plan Pass Christian's annual Blessing of the Fleet activities is scheduled Wednesday, March 13. Alderman-at-large Leo "Chipper" McDermott said

the public is invited. The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. in the Harbormaster office located on the west side of the Municipal Harbor, McDermott said.

Mertz announces for Congress

Karl Mertz of Long Beach this week announced his third consecutive bid for the Republican nomination in the (new) Mississippi Fourth Congressional District.

"They say 'three's a charm,'" quipped Mertz.

Mertz gained national attention in 1994, on "20/20" and "CNN Presents," and on "Buchanan & Company" and in the "Wall Street Journal" and Washington Times.

In March of 1997, he took early retirement from a senior level federal position, having served as a 10-state program manager during a 20-year career spanning GSA, Labor, Army and USDA.

Mertz was born in New Orleans and alternated living with his divorced parents in New Jersey and Long Beach.

After graduating Long Beach High, Mertz served as a petty officer electrician's mate in the U.S. Navy, with tours in the



Karl Mertz

Caribbean and Mediterranean, including the Cyprus Situation.

Following an honorable discharge, he attended Perkinson Jr. College and was elected national president of the community colleges' honor society, Phi Theta Kappa.

While at "Perk," he also served as class president and newspaper editor.

Later, Mertz earned a B.S. in political science from the University of Southern Mississippi (where he was elected vice president of the student senate), a master of

divinity with social science emphasis from Emory University, and a doctor of ministry with human relations emphasis from Vanderbilt University.

At Vandy, he completed the inaugural class of the National Capital Semester for Seminars in Washington, D.C.

While with Army, he was elected to the Atlanta and Georgia presidencies of the National Rehabilitation Association's Job Placement Division. He also completed the US Office of Personnel Administration's Executive Seminar.

The conservative Republican is married to the former Maria Antonia (Toni) Martinez of Mexico and Illinois. They have four grown sons, and reside in Long Beach at their Red Creek Inn, Vineyard & Racing Stable, where he served as founding president of the Coast's B&B Association. Dr. Mertz is also the author of two books on government reform and family values.

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Obituaries

VOLNEY CISSNA JR.
PATRICIA CLARK
CHARLES EDDINS
JOSEPHINE JOSEPH
LENA LANDRUM
H. MORRISON JR.
JOHNNY PIERSON

VOLNEY CISSNA JR.

Volney Judson Cissna Jr., 84, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, March 5, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mr. Cissna was born in Ashland, Kan., and had been a resident of the Coast for the past 35 years. He was an Army Corps of Engineers veteran of World War II and served in the Army Reserves, retiring as a captain in 1956. He was employed as a consulting engineer for Michael Baker Jr. Inc. in Jackson. He was also employed as an assistant director for the Gulf Regional Planning Commission in Gulfport and the planning department in Jackson, as resident manager of the Office of Science and Technology, Office of the Governor, at NASA in Bay St. Louis, and as a special projects officer for the Southern Mississippi Planning and Development District.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Volney Judson Cissna Sr. and Esther Drake Cissna.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Coolidge Cissna; two daughters, Mary-Louise Cissna Hill of North Ft. Myers, Fla., and Susan Cissna Hancock of Kenner; a brother, Charles Drake of Chattanooga, Tenn.; and two grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday at Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport followed by a graveside service in Biloxi National Cemetery.

PATRICIA CLARK

Patricia O. Clark, 76, of Diamondhead, died Friday, March 8, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Clark was a homemaker. She was a native of Drew, Miss., and a graduate of Drew High School. She attended Bell Haven College and graduated from

LSU where she was a member of Chi Omega Fraternity. She was an associate member of Diamondhead Community Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, J. E. and Josie Oliver.

Survivors include her husband, Roy Clark of Diamondhead; a son, Steve Clark of Cleveland, Texas; a daughter, Sandra Howell of Houston, Texas; and three granddaughters, Shelley Howell of Dallas and Carley Clark and Cara Clark, both of Cleveland, Texas.

Visitation will be Monday, March 11 at 10:30 a.m. at Diamondhead Community Church followed by services at 11 a.m. Burial will be private.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

CHARLES EDDINS

Charles H. Eddins died Thursday, March 7, 2002, in Covington.

Mr. Eddins was a past resident of Pass Christian and New Orleans.

He was the husband of the late Beatrice Dancy Eddins; father of Charles W. of Mena, Ark. and Gary A. Eddins of Barrington, R.I.; and Lucille E. Hunter of Folsom, La.; and brother of the late Alice Lucille Eddins. He is survived by six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Services will be conducted Monday, March 11 at 11 a.m. at the Jefferson Home of Sharp Sontheimer Sharp Funeral Home, 1600 N. Causeway Blvd at 43rd Street in Metairie.

Interment will be in Metairie Cemetery.

Visitation will be Monday, March 11 at 9:30 a.m. until funeral time.

JOSEPHINE JOSEPH

Josephine Ann Joseph, 83, of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Joseph was a housekeeper. She was a former resident of Alamogordo, N.M., and had been a resi-

dent of Bay St. Louis since 1962.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Louise Joseph; five sisters, Blanche, Wilhelmina, Beatrice, Cornelius and Mary; four brothers, Christopher, Charles II, William and John; and a longtime companion, Jerry Alexander.

Services were conducted Saturday at St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis. Burial was in St. Mary Cemetery in Bay St. Louis under the direction of J. T. Hall Funeral Home in Gulfport.

LENA LANDRUM

Lena Pearl Landrum, 86, of Pearlinton, died Tuesday, March 5, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Landrum was born in Hancock County and was a resident of Pearlinton. She was a homemaker and a member of First Southern Baptist Church of Pearlinton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John E. Landrum; and a son, Jerry Glenn Landrum.

Survivors include a son, Larry E. Landrum of Modesto, Calif.; a brother, Asa A. Miller of Picayune; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Thursday in First Southern Baptist Church of Pearlinton. Burial followed in Napoleon Cemetery, directed by McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune.

H. MORRISON JR.

Herbert "Earl" Morrison, Jr., 72, of Diamondhead, died Tuesday, March 5, 2002.

He was the husband of Dorothy Reese Morrison; father of Patricia Morrison Fuqua of Kingsport, Tenn. and Peggy Morrison Howell of Mandeville; son of the late Herbert Earl Morrison and Velma Klem Morrison; and grandfather of Aimee N. Fuqua, Brennon J. Fuqua, Chad Edwin Howell and Scott Matthew Howell.

Mr. Morrison moved to

New Orleans in 1942 and attended Alcee Fortier High School. He attended LSU from 1946 to 1951 and was graduated as an electrical engineer. He was a member of Sigma Phi, ROTC and served in the United States Air Force as a First Lieutenant. He later returned to New Orleans and became a sales engineer for ILG Company. In 1971-72 he was president of ASHRAE and in 1976-1984 president of Gulf Coast Engineer Equipment. He was a Rotarian. He retired and moved to Diamondhead in 1995 and was a member of Diamondhead Community Church.

A memorial service was conducted Friday at Diamondhead Community Church.

The family prefers memorials to Diamondhead Community Church or a charity of choice.

Lake Lawn Metairie Funeral Home in New Orleans was in charge of arrangements. Local arrangements were handled by Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

JOHNNY PIERSON

Johnny "Rabbit" Pierson, 51, of Long Beach, died Thursday, March 7, 2002, in Long Beach.

Mr. Pierson was preceded in death by his father, Frank Pierson Jr.; a daughter, Konya Edwards; and a brother, Tim Pierson.

Survivors include his mother, Audrey Pierson, of Long Beach; a son, John Pierson Jr., of Long Beach; two brothers, Chris Pierson and Danny Pierson, both of Long Beach; four sisters, Judy Long and Joanie Barker, both of Long Beach, and Donna Stokes of Atlanta and Gail Mitchell of Bay St. Louis.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, March 11, 2002, at the Long Beach Chapel of Riemann Funeral Home at 3 p.m., where friends may call one hour before the service. Burial will follow at Long Beach City Cemetery.



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SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

A select group of graduate students from around the United States convened here in January to report progress on two-year projects under way with coastal agencies.

More than a dozen students are employed by The University of Southern Mississippi under the national Coastal Management Fellowship Program.

They work with participating states on projects relating to coastal resources and their use.

Projects range from creating a wetlands habitat inventory in California to shore erosion control in Maryland.

D. Jay Grimes, dean of the USM College of Marine

Sciences, and Don Redalje, professor in the USM Department of marine science, administer the national program, a partnership of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administra-

tion, Southern Miss and states that have been awarded projects.

NOAA Coastal Services Center funds the program, and projects are designed to contribute to the center's mission of developing and providing tools for states' coastal zone management.

Blood drive in Waveland Wednesday at Post 77

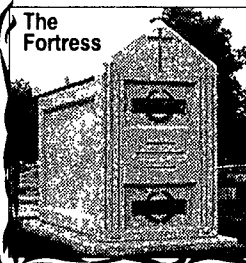
On Wednesday, March 13, the American Red Cross will recognize Andy Giaconi, a Waveland resident, for his 25 years of service as a Red Cross blood drive coordinator. The ceremony had originally been planned in

September, but was postponed due to the events of Sept. 11.

There will also be a blood drive, held at the American Legion Post 77 on Coleman Ave. in Waveland on Wednesday, from 2-7 p.m.

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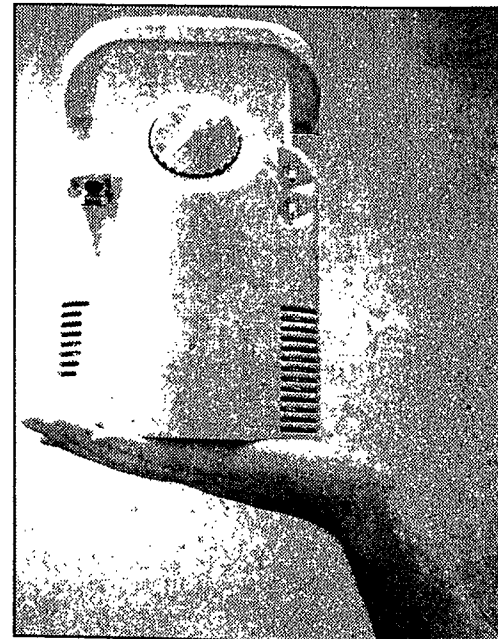
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dents.

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Instructor: Tom Berry
 Monday 6-9 p.m. For men and women - learn the fundamentals of the art of fly tying using the right techniques. Freshwater and saltwater patterns. Fee \$35. Supplies \$35.

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Instructor: Christel Fritsching
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Take Off Pounds Sensibly in Bay St. Louis

CHAPTER 307
TOPS MS 307, Bay St. Louis, met March 6 at the Coastal Wellness and Fitness Center with eight members present.

Jenny was the week's best loser with 5.50 pounds. Paula was top KOPS, and Jenny received the incentive award.

Top losers for the month were Ann and Jenny. Runner-up was Peggy. New

officers include Sherrie, leader; Geri, co-leader; Rhonda, weight recorder; Paula, treasurer; and Jenny, secretary. The chapter meets every Wednesday at the Coastal Wellness and

Fitness Center, 524 St. John Street in Bay St. Louis.

Weight-ins are 4:30-5 p.m. with the meeting following.

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Violence -- 'I dated a murder suspect'

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nation of alcohol, drugs and jealousy led to the killing. Both men are charged with capital murder, and are lodged in the Harrison County jail under \$1 million bond each.

It was February a year ago when Welch walked into the Good Life Bar on Beach Boulevard in downtown Bay St. Louis. Edelman was working behind the bar that night.

'He was charming'

The pert and blonde Edelman was smitten. "He was sweet and charming, and not bad to look at, with dark brown hair and a nice build," she said. Welch told her he worked for a manufacturer in Gulfport. "We hit it off right away," she said. They began dating, and she began introducing Welch to her circle of friends who patronized the downtown bar.

Edelman is a single mother, raising a five-year-old daughter. She has three grown children from a previous relationship, but they do not live with her.

Edelman said Welch often came to her apartment, met her daughter and other family members. She also went to his apartment in Pass Christian.

"Later on, he even helped me move to a new place in Waveland, and he bought me a ring," she said.

About a month into the relationship, a problem arose, she said.

"Ernie's (the Good Life) has a dart league and I've been playing for five or six years. He didn't want me to play anymore. I refused to quit, but he kind of stayed on the side when I played, and picked on me by making snide remarks or letting me know, he wasn't pleased," said Edelman.

The arguments and the verbal insults soon started to escalate, she said.

"I had told him I came out of a foster home, and he would remind me often

(that) my own mother didn't want me. Then, he'd accuse me of acting like my mother when he never even knew her," said Edelman.

One night, Welch called the bar to find out Edelman was not at work when she was supposed to be.

"I took off sick, with a migraine," she said. She was in her apartment on Water Street in Waveland and a female friend was visiting, when she said Welch arrived "in a rage."

"He picked up a coffee table and threw it at me. It missed. Then he slung a brass lamp at me, and the glass cut my eye and cut one of my legs," said Edelman. "He took a swing at my friend, but she ducked."

Welch stormed out of the apartment, and Edelman said she did not report the abuse because she did not have a phone at the time. Later, she said, her leg got infected, and she went to a therapist for seven days in a row to scrape the slivers of glass out of her legbone.

A couple of days later, Edelman said Welch called to say he was sorry, and she met him for a drink. She said Welch's alcohol of choice was vodka, "but, he wouldn't drink every day, and I never saw him do drugs."

Edelman said since the first alleged violent incident, she was scared to go to his house.

"We never really got back together after the first incident," she said. "But, he kept showing up at my house."

One day, Edelman was at the bar, getting ready for the afternoon crowd to arrive. The pay phone rang in the narrow hallway leading into the bar, and Edelman answered it. It was another bartender, she said.

She had her back to the entrance door when she says Welch ran in, screaming obscenities at her. She said he was behind her, and put one arm around her

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neck, and began to squeeze, screaming all the time. "He literally locked my jaw," she said.

Edelman said Welch was about 6-foot-2 and 200 pounds, compared to her five-eight, 130-pounds.

"I was still on the phone, and managed to tell the party on the other end to call 911," she said.

Welch ran out of the bar, and Edelman said Bay St. Louis police arrived within moments of getting the call.

"I made a police report, and went the next day to swear out an affidavit for his arrest," said Edelman. She said the violent incident occurred "about the first week in July."

Edelman said Welch left the bar and went straight to her house and kicked in the front door.

"He broke three TV's, two VCR's and just about everything that was glass in the house," she said.

A neighbor witnessed the incident, and her 18-year-old son was in a car pulling up to the house in time to see Welch speed off, Edelman said.

When Edelman got to the house, she called 911. A Waveland police unit arrived, and Edelman filed a report. The next day she signed an affidavit. Welch

was charged with property theft and breaking and entering.

By the time the Waveland Police Department issued an arrest warrant for Welch, the Stone County Sheriff's Department had Welch in custody on an unrelated domestic abuse charge. Officials there contacted Waveland Police, who went to Wiggins, arrested Welch, and took him into custody.

Welch was allowed to bond out on the Waveland charges, and bonded out later on the domestic abuse charge in Bay St. Louis. He never came to trial on the Waveland charges or the domestic abuse charge in the Bay.

'The stalking began'

"That's when the stalking and the harassment really began," said Edelman. "He kept calling me at work and at home, and I asked him not to call me anymore and to please leave me alone. He asked me what I was going to do if he refused, and I said 'I'm going to kill you.'"

The next day Welch filed an affidavit in Pass Christian against Edelman charging her with a death threat over the telephone. It cost her \$800 to bond out on the charge, and she was

later exonerated after appearing before a judge. The judge also issued restraining orders against Welch and Edelman forbidding them from coming within 100 yards of each other.

"But, he started phoning me again, mostly at work," said Edelman. She said Welch knew she was tape-recording incoming messages to her home.

Dave Stepro, assistant Bay St. Louis Police Chief, said the record shows the domestic violence case against Welch was continued twice before City Judge George Lipscomb either at Welch's request or his attorney's request.

Records indicate Welch failed to show up for a third appearance in December, and the judge issued a "Nisi" judgement. The order informs the bonding company the judgement or decree will become final on March 27 unless set aside or invalidated because of certain contingencies.

The judge ordered the bonding company to produce Welch in court by March 27.

Stepro said Edelman should not feel any responsibility for the February slaying of the waitress.

"Even if Welch were found guilty after a hearing, as a first offender, unless there was a brutal beating or a weapon injury, he would have only been fined, sentenced to alcohol or drug abuse counseling, and set free," Stepro said.

He agreed with a recent suggestion by Hancock County Justice Court Judge Ricky Adam that a coast-

wide or statewide registration of domestic abuse charges needs to be established. "That way, the presiding judge would know whether the person before him is a first-offender or a habitual offender and could sentence him accordingly," said Stepro.

In Pass Christian, Police Chief John Dubuissou said a woman signed an affidavit alleging Welch and another man raped her almost one month before Garrell was found murdered.

He said the judge dismissed the charge against both men last Jan. 11 after hearing conflicting testimony from the parties involved.

"The judge did not think there was sufficient evidence to issue a warrant for their arrest," said Dubuissou.

Edelman looks back on her brief relationship with Welch with some relief. Her life, she says, was spared.

"I had this second sense that if I would have put my hand to him or struck him during any of these incidents, he would have killed me," she said.

At the same time, the violence Edelman says she endured has left her with a feeling of low self-esteem and nagging doubts about the kind of men she attracts.

"Eighteen years ago, I was in an abusive relationship with the man who fathered my three oldest children," said Edelman. "I stayed with him for seven years and filed 26 domestic abuse charges against him. Finally, I got the strength to leave him."

Kmart

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operational and financial performance. These stores will remain open for business pending approval of the store-closing plan by the bankruptcy court for the Northern District of Illinois and thereafter until the related store-closing inventory sales are completed on a store-by-store basis."

Kmart anticipates that the sales generated from store closings and related cost savings will enhance its cash flow by approximately \$550 million in 2002 and approximately \$45 million annually thereafter, the release said.

The company filed a voluntary petition for reorganization under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code on Jan. 22.

The company said its decision "to seek judicial reorganization was based on a combination of factors, including a rapid decline in its liquidity resulting from Kmart's below-plan sales and earnings performance

in the fourth quarter, the evaporation of the surety bond market, and an erosion of supplier confidence. Other factors include intense competition in the discount retailing industry, unsuccessful sales and marketing initiatives, the continuing recession, and recent capital market volatility."

Kmart Corporation has asked the Bankruptcy Court to give final approval to the store-closing plan at a hearing in Chicago on March 20. The plan includes the anticipated disposition of inventory in excess of \$1 billion dollars during store closing sales as part of the program. On March 6, 2002, the Court approved the company's bid procedures, notice procedures and other matters in connection with the store-closing plan.

Further information on Kmart closings is available on the company's website, www.bluelight.com.

Tax office

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and wider doorway was cut out at the vehicle tag area into the area where residents go to file for their homestead exemptions or to request maps.

Ladner said probably the most significant and costly part of the project was making both public restrooms at the rear of the building handicapped accessible.

Outside, on the north side of the building, there are two clearly marked parking spaces for the handicapped.

Funds for the renovation came from a bond issue the county floated for improvements to the courthouse and other public buildings.

Ladner said the satellite

assessor's office in the Kiln, because it previously served as the county library, is already outfitted to serve the elderly and handicapped.

"About, the one thing we don't have is the automatic opening door, but the doors are wide enough for wheelchairs, and the bathrooms and counter space are up to standards," he said.

Supervisors plan to put out to bid the ADA improvements to the Courthouse soon, according to project manager, Ed Wikoff of Compton Engineering. Plans are to publicly open bids at a recessed meeting of the board in mid-April, he said.

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BUSINESS NEWS



Job shadow

Stacey Moran, right, a second-year vocational student at Hancock High School interested in teaching, receives a daily planning lesson explanation from Hancock North Central Elementary kindergarten teacher Eva Jenkins during Groundhog Job Shadow 2002.

Hancock students learn about real world jobs

Groundhog Job Shadow Day 2002 was termed a tremendous success with 54 students from the Hancock County School District in grade 11 and second year vocational students participating in the nation-wide event.

Through the program, students spent the day shadowing an employee in a local business to discover that information learned in the classroom directly applies to the workplace.

The following Mississippi Gulf Coast businesses participated in this year's event:

Bay St. Louis Police Department, Breath's Boats and Motors, Carriere-Stumm Inc., Coast Electric,

Carriere honored by group

Beth Carriere, executive director of the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau, has been awarded the Gulf Coast's "Distinguished Service Award 2002," presented by the Gulf Coast Hotel & Lodging Association of Mississippi.

This annual award is "In recognition of distinguished service to the Tourism Industry on the Mississippi Gulf Coast."

The presentation took place in the Isle of Capri Hotel during the Mississippi Gulf Coast Hotel & Lodging Association's annual awards banquet. Association president Mickey Culberson was the presenter.

Additional awards were received by Tom Brosig, Billy Creel, posthumously, and Eddie McQuire.

Power outage scheduled

Mississippi Power Company has scheduled a five minute interruption of electric service for Pass Christian and Long Beach this morning, beginning at 7 a.m.

The outage will affect all customers in Pass Christian and those customers in Long Beach west of Girard Avenue and south of Charleswood Lane.

The outage, which is necessary for crews to install equipment at the Menge Avenue substation, is part of a substation upgrade project that will help increase the facility's capacity and improve reliability.

MS seafood businesses join DMR as exhibitors at Boston Seafood Show

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) will be exhibiting for the second year at the International Boston Seafood Show (IBSS) in Boston, Mass., March 12-14. Only this time, they'll be joined by two Biloxi seafood businesses.

The DMR launched its Seafood Marketing Program, "Get Hooked on Mississippi Seafood," in fall 2000 to promote the Mississippi seafood industry.

After last year's IBSS, the DMR decided to expand its booth space to include Mississippi seafood businesses.

J&W Seafood, Inc. and Ole Biloxi Oyster & Shrimp Company will be exhibiting and serving Mississippi oyster gumbo at the booth so that seafood professionals from around the globe can experience first-hand the flavor of Mississippi seafood.

In addition to a recipe book, "Seafood: South Mississippi Style" and the Mississippi Seafood Industry Directory, which the DMR published for last year's show, the DMR will hand out packets, of its new "Get Hooked on Mississippi

Seafood" recipe cards.

The five-card packs include an oyster, shrimp, crab and red snapper recipe and an oyster safety card. Mississippi Gulf Coast restaurants and seafood businesses contributed the recipes for the cards.

The DMR has also developed a survey, which it will encourage attendees who stop by the booth to fill out to gauge buyer interest in and awareness of Mississippi seafood.

Attendees who hand in a completed survey and business card will be entered in a prize drawing. Winners will receive a limited-edition "Biloxi Seafood Festival" print.

The largest seafood show in the country, last year's IBSS drew 750 exhibitors and more than 14,000 attendees, including top seafood industry buyers from all major purchasing categories.

The DMR exhibits at the IBSS promote Mississippi's \$450 million seafood industry and increase its visibility internationally.

The Seafood Marketing Program is a result of the State Legislature authorizing the DMR, in fiscal year 1999, to develop programs to enhance the marketing of

the state's recreational and commercial marine resources, under Section 49-15-307 of the Mississippi Code.

The DMR is currently developing a brochure and marketing program to promote Mississippi's recreational fishing industry.

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SPORTS

Rocks end season in Class 4A state semifinals

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

As the old adage says, all good things must come to an end. And, for the 2002 St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaw basketball team the ride ended on Wednesday.

The Rocks lost their semi-final Class 4A state tournament game with the No. 3 ranked Picayune Maroon Tide by the score of 51-39. However, the score was not indicative of the game nor was it indicative of what SSC has accomplished this season.

The Rocks played a valiant game, as they had done all season long. They played well enough to win the game; however, Picayune made their free throws at the end and SSC struggled at the line going 14 for 22.

Let's take a look at what the Rocks have accomplished during their stellar run in 2001-02. The Rocks started the season with not one player who was a varsity starter last season. SSC lost their first six players to graduation but they persevered.

The Rocks did not start a single player that stood taller than six feet but they

challenged every team they played.

SSC heard and read all the negative comments about what to expect this season but they did not listen.

What SSC (31-8) accomplished this season is summarized in one word - Triumphant!

The Rocks lost to a loaded Pass Christian team twice. They let victory escape them twice against Biloxi twice when the Indians were a Top 10 team. The Rocks had an early season heartbreaker to Class 5A power Moss Point. SSC gave all they had to the No. 1 ranked Gulfport Admirals late in the season. The No. 10-ranked McComb Tigers, led by 6-10 All-American Jackie Butler, barely escaped the grasp of the Rocks. And, then, the final loss of the season to the Maroon Tide.

That's it! Just eight losses in 39 games. That win-loss record is more than enough to turn heads with a loaded team much less with a team that did not return a starter.

What made their season triumphant one might ask. A Division 8 title, a first-

round South State win, and trip to the state tournament after knocking off Terry High School 50-45, a resounding 76-71 win over the defending Class 4A state champion and Top 15 team in the Oxford Chargers. And, I'll say it again. All that with a not a starter returning and all that with a starter that is not taller than six feet.

SSC head coach Jay Ladner stated, "Naturally, this locker room is a sad one right now. I feel bad that our seniors had to end this with a loss; however, maybe that will motivate our younger players who had the opportunity to experience this magic. I thought that this team played valiantly all year long. There were not many people that gave this team a chance but we had a great season. These players did not use those excuses as a crutch, they used it as a challenge. This team earned a lot of respect from many people and many teams. This team is full of true winners and I am very proud of each and every one of them. Now, we start preparing for next season. We have lots to build on.

There is no rest for the weary."

The Rocks battled the Maroon Tide from the tip-off to the final buzzer. The Rocks scored first but Picayune battled back. Cheick Sanankoua led the Rocks in the first period with four points as the Maroon Tide built a 12-8 lead after one period.

Darius Acker led the charge in the second period. He nailed a three-pointer to tie the game at 15-15 with 5:30 remaining in the half. Gabe Willis drove down on the next possession and gave the Rocks a 17-15 lead. But, Picayune answered and took a 20-17 lead into the intermission.

The third period started with Jerry Scott Smith leading a Maroon Tide charge with seven points to give Picayune a seven-point lead 27-20 with 4:28 left in the period.

However, the Rocks battled back with Willis' three-pointer and foul shot and a pair free throws from Sean Benoit to make the score 27-26. With 1:55 left, Acker drained a basket to give SSC a 28-27 lead. B.J. Griffith answered with a trey for a 30-28 lead. Acker

hit a foul shot to make it a one-point game 30-29 after three periods.

Sophomore Mario Faranda came in during the start of the fourth period and tied the score twice for SSC.

A basket and a foul shot tied the score at 32-32 with 7:28 left in the game. Later, Faranda nailed a free throw following an Acker trey to make the score 36-36 with 4:58 left.

From there, Picayune went on two 6-0 runs to end the game.

Ladner commented, "We were 10 of 18 from the free throw line in the second half. I thought we played well enough to win but we just didn't knock it down at the line.

"Sometimes a little thing like free throws can be the

difference in a game. And, tonight it was a little thing that kept us out of the game at the end. Picayune did a good job defending us. We just could not convert when we got to the line."

The Rocks were led by Gabe Willis and Darius Acker with 11 points each. The Maroon Tide will play the winner of the McComb/Jackson Lanier game on Saturday, March 9 at 8pm.

The Rocks end one of the best seasons in SSC basketball history with a 31-8 record. They advanced farther than any other team in school history. The Rocks finished a triumphant season playing like they had always played - valiantly. SSC has a strong foundation to build on as they prepare for the 2002-03 season.

Lady Tigers maul Poplarville, play for Class 4A title against Provine

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The Lady Tigers of Bay High and the Lady Hornets of Poplarville suited up for battle a third time this season. Only this time, the stakes were much higher. The Lady Hornets were the No. 1 seed from the South while Bay High was the No. 3 seed from the South. Both teams were looking for a trip to the state 4A finals in Jackson with the Lady Rams of Jackson Provine. The Lady Rams defeated the Lady Eagles of South Pike 53-31 on Thursday, March 7.

The Lady Hornets had not been to the state title game since 1965 while Bay High last took a shot at the gold ball back in 1998.

Twice this season, the Lady Hornets defeated the Lady Tigers. However, the third time is always the charm and the Lady Tigers had their revenge. Bay High stung the Lady Hornets with a 54-48 win on Wednesday, March 6, in the Mississippi Coliseum in

Jackson.

The Lady Tigers and the Lady Hornets both played well enough to win the game as there were 13 lead changes and six ties with the score throughout the game.

However, it was Bay High that came out on top thanks to solid play inside by LaMonica James, the usual play from Stephanie Reed, Kendra Reed, and Carmen Labat, and the conversion of free throws late in the game.

Bay High head coach Debbie Triplett stated, "This is a very sweet win for us as it sends us to the title game. But, at the same time it is a bittersweet win. Poplarville is such a good team and I feel for their coach and players. The bitter part is that they are from the south and they have to go home. I am very proud of all our players because they were determined to win the game. We did make some mistakes but we battled all game. These girls did whatever it

took to defend and finish the game with the win. Down low, we got some good basketball from LaMonica James, Stephanie Reed, Kendra Reed, and Carmen Labat all played their usual game. I am just proud of all the girls on the team and the hardwork they did to get here."

The Lady Tigers and the Lady Hornets battled the entire first half with Bay High taking a narrow 24-23 lead at halftime. However, the second half was all Bay High. Nikki Smith of Poplarville started the second half with a three-pointer to lead 26-24. But, Bay High's Stephanie Reed answered with a threy of her own. Felicia Thomas gave the Lady Tigers a third period lead 36-32 with a free throw.

The final period saw the Lady Tigers take the momentum and not give it back. The Lady Tigers turned up the defensive intensity and answered everything that Poplarville

threw at them. Carmen Labat led the Lady Tigers with 16 points. Triplett and the Lady Tigers only hope that they can answer one more time on Saturday in the battle for the gold ball.

The Lady Tigers were scheduled take the court at 6:30 p.m. yesterday against the Lady Rams of Jackson Provine. Neither team has ever won a Class 4A state title. Details of the game will be in Thursday's edition of The Sea Coast Echo.

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Bay Dixie Girls Fast Pitch Softball

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Dixie Girls Softball came to Bay St. Louis in 2001. The City of Bay St. Louis recognized the need to bring a viable softball program to the area.

"Many of the neighboring city/county leagues belonged to Dixie Girls and we felt that we would be able to host tournaments and play locally for District playoffs as well as provide a program that would help our league grow," said a spokesman.

"Last year, we had four All-Star teams travel to Pascagoula, Vancleave, and Lucedale for district playoffs instead of having to travel out of state to the closest district tournaments like they had to do in the past."

In February, the Dixie Girls Board began meeting to get the season started.

At the last meeting, offi-

cers were set in place for the Bay St. Louis Dixie Girls: Pennie Brogle, president; Dane Jenkins, vice president; Kelly Blanchard, secretary; Leslie Besancon, treasurer; and Brian Adams, umpire in chief. Joe Besancon, Brian Woods and Lisa Campbell are also board members.

This year, Bay St. Louis has been awarded the opportunity to host the state championships.

"Since we are hosting the state championships, we do not have to attend the district playoffs. We will place our teams in the state championships, and if our girls happen to win, as the state champs in any age group, we will travel to the Dixie Girls World Series," the spokesman said.

"We are excited about this opportunity, and maybe in the next few years we hope to be able to host the

Dixie Girls World Series in Bay St. Louis."

"So if you haven't had a chance to register your daughter, please bring her out to McDonald field to sign up between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. on March 16. Y

ou can also sign up at Coastal Security on Hwy. 90 in Bay St. Louis between 10 a.m. 4 p.m. or at Southern Printing on Davis Avenue in Pass Christian between 8 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

"Our main goal in this league is to teach the girls the fundamentals of playing fast pitch softball and to have fun.

"Our program cannot operate and grow without the help of volunteers.

"If you are interested in becoming a board member and/or volunteering your time to help the girls, please contact Pennie Brogle at 467-3192."

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The Sea Coast Echo

SPORTS

PRCC pounds Meridian 10-3

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Pearl River dominated rival Meridian in community college baseball action Wednesday with the Wildcats taking a 10-3 victory behind a superb mound performance by sophomore Chris Thompson.

Thompson (2-1), a righthander out of McGill-Toolen High School in Mobile, allowed only four hits in seven-and-one-thirds innings on the mound, while walking only three. Eagle lead off man Jake Bell opened the game with a double, but Thompson rendered only a single over the next five frames.

Pearl River, which opened the season with a 6-5 win over the Eagles on Feb. 13, improved to 9-2 overall with the win, while Meridian dropped to 5-11.

PRCC, which finished the game with a season-high 16 hits, went up 2-0 in the top of the first, then added a solo run in the third, three in the fourth, and four in the eighth.

Trave Hopkins' solo homer in the bottom of the seventh finally put Meridian on the scoreboard. The Eagles added the final two runs of the afternoon in the eighth.

Josh O'Flynn of Petal relieved Thompson with one out in the seventh and finished the game. The sophomore "sidewinder" gave up



Long ball

Pearl River Community College freshman left fielder Jason Santiago collected his first career home run as a Wildcat in a recent doubleheader sweep of Southwest Tennessee in Poplarville. Here Santiago, a Bay St. Louis resident and St. Stanislaus graduate, takes his big home run cut. — PRCC Sports Information Photo.

one hit, while striking out one and walking one.

Meridian's Justin Rayborn was the losing pitcher in his four innings

on the mound. The freshman from Pascagoula gave up 10 hits, while striking out seven and walking two. Tim Jones relieved in the

fifth and hurled two frames, giving up one hit and striking out one; while Brad McKee relieved in the seventh, allowing three hits, striking out three, and walking one in two innings. Michael Goodson pitched the last frame, giving up two hits and striking out one.

Eric Adkins of Purvis led the Wildcats' offensive show with a pair of doubles and a single, while Brett Harris of Picayune High belted a double and two singles. Jeff Middleton of Mobile had two doubles. Blake Munna of Poplarville a double and a single, and Jared Harris of Poplarville two singles. Josh Parker and Jake Smith, both of Picayune High; and Nate Murray of Bogalusa, all singled.

Hopkins also had a single for the Eagles, while Brett Towne and Adam Smith both singled.

Pearl River committed one error in the contest, while Meridian had five miscues.

The Wildcats travel to LSU-Eunice in Eunice, La., Tuesday for a 1 p.m. doubleheader. PRCC opens its South Division slate when East Central visits Saturday, March 16, for a 1 p.m. doubleheader in Wildcat Stadium.

Lady Cats win in softball play

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Pearl River's Lady Wildcats opened their 2002 South Division schedule on a high note here Tuesday, sweeping Southwest Mississippi's Lady Bears 6-2, 13-2 in MACJC women's community college doubleheader softball action for their first wins of the year.

The Lady Wildcats improved to 2-6 overall and 2-0 in league play. The doubleheader marked the season openers for the 0-2 Lady Bears.

In the first game, Southwest went up 1-0 in the top of the first and retained that narrow edge until the bottom of the fourth when PRCC blew it open. In that frame, the Lady Wildcats went up for good with four runs off four hits, including an RBI double by Candice Hyatt of Hancock County. Emily Carver of Poplarville walked and Southwest committed one error during the scoring binge.

In the top of the sixth, SMCC's Charlie Turner cracked a one-out single, setting the stage for an RBI triple by Kallie Ashford, who was thrown out at home for the second out of the frame. PRCC iced the game in the bottom of the inning scoring the game's final two runs off a singles by Brandi Tynes of

Columbia and Christy Wilson of Lafayette, La.; two Lady Bear errors, and an RBI triple by Hyatt.

The Lady Wildcats finished the game with four errors, two of which were committed in the first two innings. The Lady Bears committed six miscues.

Carley Buckley (1-2) of Zachary, La., was the winning pitcher in going the distance, striking out seven and walking only one. Turner was the loser on the mound. She struck out two, walked none, but hit two batters.

Hyatt paced PRCC's eight-hit attack with a triple and a double, while Tynes and Alicia Horne of Hattiesburg High each had two singles. Wilson and Buckley also singled for the Lady Wildcats.

In the nightcap, the Lady Bears struck early, taking a 2-0 lead in the top of the first off a two-out single by Ashford, an RBI triple by Freeman, and a passed ball. The Lady Wildcats immediately answered offensively and defensively and wound up winning via the eight-run rule after four-and-a-half innings.

Following Ashford's and Freeman's antics, Wilson (1-2), the Lady Wildcats' starting pitcher, gave up only two more hits during the game, while striking out

five and walking none. In the meantime, PRCC scored 13 runs off 10 hits and four Southwest errors to take the win.

In the bottom of the first, Pearl River destroyed SMCC's two-run edge with five runs off a Tynes single, an error, a two-RBI triple by Felicia Andrews of Oak Grove, and an RBI single by Georgelynn Bennett of Pearl River Central.

Five more runs came the Lady Wildcats' way in the bottom of the second. Hyatt and Melissa Speights of West Marion kicked things off with back-to-back singles, then Andrews reached via an error, scoring Hyatt and Speights. Bennett grounded out, then Horne walked. Nicole Brown of Oak Grove reached via an error, resulting in two more runs, then Tynes then reached on a fielder's choice, scoring Brown to make it 10-2.

PRCC ended the scoring in the bottom of the third with three runs off an RBI single by Bennett and a two-RBI single by Brown.

Turner (0-2) was the losing pitcher.

Tynes and Wilson paced Pearl River with two singles each, while Andrews tripled and Hyatt, Speights, Bennett, Brown, and Lindsay Fries of Purvis all singled.

OLA splits double-header

ECHO STAFF REPORT

Our Lady Academy and D'Iberville split a double header in high school softball last Saturday. The Lady Warriors took the opening game 7-4. Christine Schmitz, Katherine Milner, Jordan Fisher and Hannah Allen scored for the Crescents in a losing cause.

In the second game, OLA unloaded on the Lady Warriors, 23-9. Emily Meyers was the winning pitcher for the Crescents. Hannah Allen went 3 for 4

with two homeruns and nine big runs batted in. She also scored four runs. Meyers had a homer, three RBIs and scored twice. Jordan Fisher, Lauren Renz and Michelle Lady scored three runs each. Lakasia Duckworth and Rachel Wright each scored twice. Margaret Magers, Denira Dedeaux and Ashley Mayley also scored.

On Monday, OLA traveled to Sumrall and took home a 4-2 win. Rachel Wright, 3-3, was the win-

ning pitcher with 14 strikeouts. Jordan Fisher had three RBIs, Emily Meyers scored twice, and Wright and Ashley Mayley also scored for the Crescents.

The team has posted a 4-2 record this season.

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The officers of the Krewe of SCOWI

Krewe takes a trip in a 'Time Machine'

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

February 2, the Krewe of SCOWI celebrated its 22nd ball.

They took a trip back in time on their own "Time Machine." And it all started and ended in Waveland.

The first Duke, Jerry Melconcon Jr. and his Maid, Debbie Davis relived her first ball last year in Waveland.

Then came Duke Martin Blanchard and Maid Myrtle Blanchard. They went back to the 1970's when they mastered the 3 D's: Dinning, Dancing and a few Drinks. In Waveland, of course.

Now we are back to the Speak Easy days.

This club was on a street in Waveland we will not name.

Our Speak Easy was

owned by no other than our Duke Earl Aken and his Maid "Tibby" Thibodeaux.

As one knows, a Speak Easy needs the liquid to keep it going. And here we meet our supplier, Duke Roy Carver and his wife, Maid Janice Carver.

Remember, we are still in Waveland.

Now we are in the 1880's. Waveland had many people from the big city of New Orleans relocating here in our wonderful town. One couple was Duke William Marcel and his wife, Maid Barbara Marcel. They loved this lovely town.

During that same time a couple traveled up and down the Mississippi, he a

gambler and her, his faithful wife, Duke Donald Blanchard and Maid Rose Blanchard.

They also kept a cottage in Waveland.

As we said, we started in Waveland and ended in Waveland. King Tony Catalanotto and Queen Lillie Burke are residents of fair Waveland.

Officers of SCOWI included Kenneth Wilkinson, Toxie Hall, Betty Bearmann and Joan Wilkinson.

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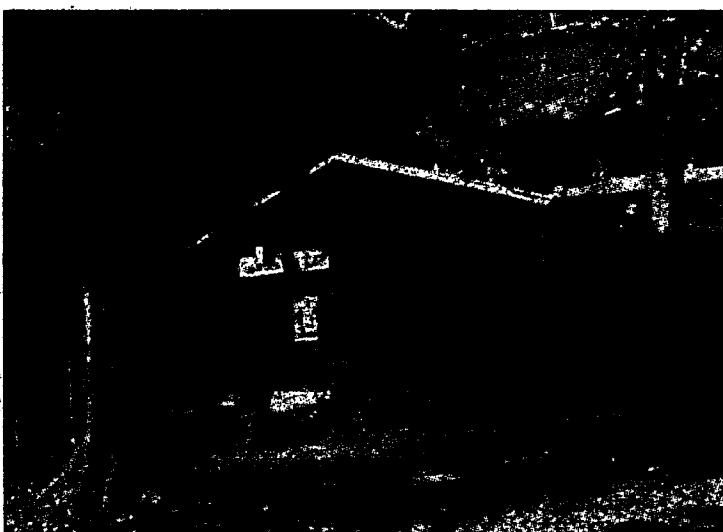
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'Howdy, Pilgrim'

Mississippi Gulf Coast Council of Garden Clubs 55th Annual Pilgrimage of Historical Homes, Gardens & Galleries



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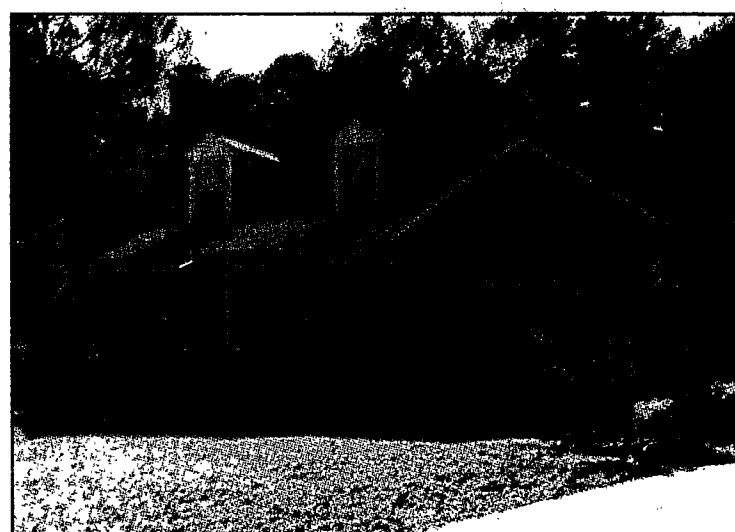
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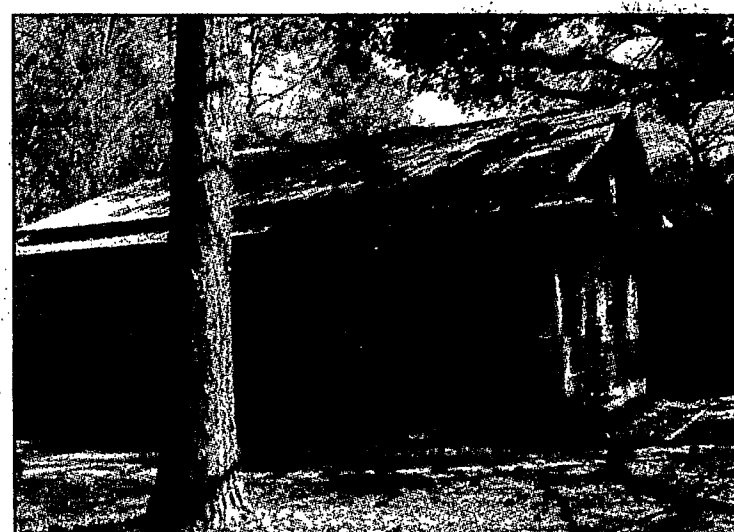
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Pilgrimage of homes, gardens and galleries in Bay-Waveland

The Mississippi Gulf Coast Council of Garden Clubs' 55th Annual Pilgrimage of homes, gardens and historical landmarks began yesterday in Diamondhead, and continues today in Pascagoula, Moss Point and Gautier.

Tomorrow, the tour travels to Pass Christian Isles from 10 a.m. to noon; and downtown Pass Christian from noon until 2 p.m.

Lunch will be available at the Scenic Café, which is located inside Antiques and Interiors on the corner of Market and Scenic from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On Tuesday, the Pilgrimage moves to Bay St. Louis and Waveland.

**Bay-Waveland
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Refreshments, maps and tour brochures are available. Also featured will be works of art displayed by local artists and club members.

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A view of 'Our oaks in early spring ...'

Stella has been doing the driving more and more lately.

It really started with her driving when we went out at night. In the last few years, I've begun losing my night vision and her being behind the wheel meant we arrived at wherever we were going in a little better mood than if I had been driving. It's not that I can't see to drive at

night; it's more of having to strain to see.

Slowly, this has spread to her doing a lot of the driving during the day. In this case, it's not really being unable to see but just pure laziness on my part. We've actually both shared driving rather equably in the past, but now I find myself more and more heading automatically to the passenger side. Many years ago I learned that with a little self-discipline,

I could deal with my laziness. I have learned that the best thing to do is to sit back and enjoy it.

The truth is that driving has never been a macho thing with me. I have never been able to see what joy there is driving an expensive sports car that can't legally go any faster than my pickup and has to use the same boring interstate highways. There was a time years ago when I had a small car that I drove in

the hills of Spain ... But that was long ago and another story.

Now, my main interest is in getting behind the wheel is to get from point A to point B. And if Stella is willing to get behind the wheel and do the getting, I am more than willing to let her. Of course, I have to do my bit and help her, "Put the cruise control on," and "It's all clear on this side." My problem with this is that she ignores me.

Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza La Violette
laviolette@mail.datasync.com

But being in the passenger seat means you can look out the windows! And that looking out the windows as you drive along the Coast can be very, very nice.

It's nice to go along the coastal road in the early morning hours after a

spring rain and see the rain clouds scurrying over the Sound. The contrast of the deepish blue, almost black, rain clouds and the slate blue, silvery smooth water make a pleasant backdrop to the drive. Now with

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March 11-15

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Tuesday: Stuffed Crust Pizza, Roast Beef Poboy with Gravy, Parslied New Potatoes, Cheesy Broccoli, Pineapple Tidbits, Fresh Banana, Jell-O Cake

Wednesday: Chicken Gumbo with Rice, Corn Dog Nuggets, Potato Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Frozen Fruit Juice Bar, Peanut Butter Chew, Crackers

Thursday: Taco Salad, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Cream-style Corn, Cheesy Broccoli and Cauliflower, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Chilled Peas

Friday: Lasagna, Texas Grilled Cheese with Vegetable Soup, French Fries, Green Peas, Fresh

Fruit Bowl, Tropical Fruit Mix, Yellow Cake with Icing, Yeast Roll

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Wednesday: Cereal with Toast or Ham Biscuit, Juice

Thursday: Cereal with Toast or Pancake Pup, Juice

Friday: Cereal with Toast or Breakfast Pizza

LUNCH

Monday: Red Beans and Rice with Sausage, Roast Pork Sandwich, Baked Tater Tots, Southern Greens, Coleslaw, Tropical Fruit Mix, Fruit Juice, Cornbread, Crackers, Ice Cream Sandwich

Tuesday: Lasagna, Chicken Patty Sandwich, French Fries, Whole Kernel Corn, Tossed Salad, Chilled Pear Slices, Fruit Juice, Garlic Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Oatmeal Cookies

Wednesday: Chili and Grilled Cheese, Hamburger, Tater Tots, Green peas, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Biscuits, Crackers, Fruit Crisp

Thursday: Chicken

Nuggets, Foot-long Hot Dog with Chili, Ranch-Baked Fries, Steamed Broccoli, Tossed Salad, Peach Slices, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers, St. Patrick Cake

Friday: Nachos Grande, Cheese Pizza, French Fries, Broccoli/Cheese/Rice, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Tidbits, Fruit Juice, Ice Cream Sandwich

Hancock High and Middle Schools
Served daily:
Chef Salad, Bread, Dessert, Milk and Condiments
LUNCH

Monday: Red Beans and Rice with Sausage, Chicken Patty Sandwich, Roast Pork Sandwich, Baked Tater Tots, Southern Greens, Coleslaw, Tropical Fruit Mix, Fruit Juice, Cornbread, Crackers, Ice Cream Sandwich

Tuesday: Lasagna, Pizza, French Fries, Whole Kernel Corn, Tossed Salad, Chilled Pear Slices, Fruit Juice, Garlic Yeast Rolls, Crackers, Oatmeal Cookies

Wednesday: Chili and Grilled Cheese, Hamburger, Tater Tots, Green peas, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Biscuits, Crackers, Fruit Crisp

Thursday: Chicken Nuggets, Foot-long Hot Dog with Chili, Ranch-Baked Fries, Steamed Broccoli, Tossed Salad, Peach Slices, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Crackers, St. Patrick Cake

Friday: Nachos Grande, Cheese Pizza, BBQ Chicken

on Bun, French Fries, Broccoli/Cheese/Rice, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Tidbits, Fruit Juice, Ice Cream Sandwich

Bay Catholic Elementary School BREAKFAST

Monday: Honey Bun, Juice, Milk

Tuesday: Breakfast Pizza, Juice, Milk

Wednesday: Blueberry Muffin, Juice, Milk

Thursday: Cinnamon Toast, Juice, Milk

Friday: French Toast Sticks, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Milk or Juice served with every meal
Monday: Hamburger on Bun or Chef's Salad, French Fries or Baked Beans, Pineapple or Peaches

Tuesday: Stuffed Crust Pizza or Chef's Salad, Corn or Peas, Apple Slices or Oranges

Wednesday: Barbecued Chicken, Green Beans or Broccoli, Calif. Fruit Cocktail or Mandarin Oranges, Roll Chef's Salad, Coleslaw or Peas, Strawberries or Banana, Roll

Thursday: Chicken Tenders or Chef's Salad, French Fries or Peas, applesauce or Peas

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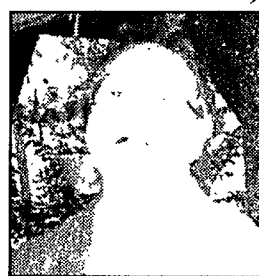

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VICA winners



Pearl River Community College's Vocational Department hosted the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (VICA) annual high school-level contest in February with some 15 schools participating. Contest categories included masonry, cabinet making, carpentry, auto mechanics, welding and electronics. The contest also included winners for the best job interview, giving speeches, job skill demonstrations and a quiz bowl. First, second and third place winners will compete in the national VICA competition. The winners in sheet metal welding are Jeremy Stiwell of Hancock County first place; Allen Pierce of Lamar County, second place; and Roy Pierson of Jackson West Harrison, third place.

Scratching in MSU Co-op Program

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO
Nathan Joseph Scratching of Bay St. Louis is participating in the Cooperative Education Program at Mississippi State University.

As a major in the area of computer science, Scratching is working toward a degree and at the same time is working as a co-op student on alternating semesters in Bay St. Louis

with Pixsell Inc. The Cooperative Education Program is a five-year educational program which allows a student in various fields of accountancy, architecture, agriculture and life sciences, arts and sciences, business and industry, education, engineering, and forestry to affiliate with a business, industrial, or governmental firm while

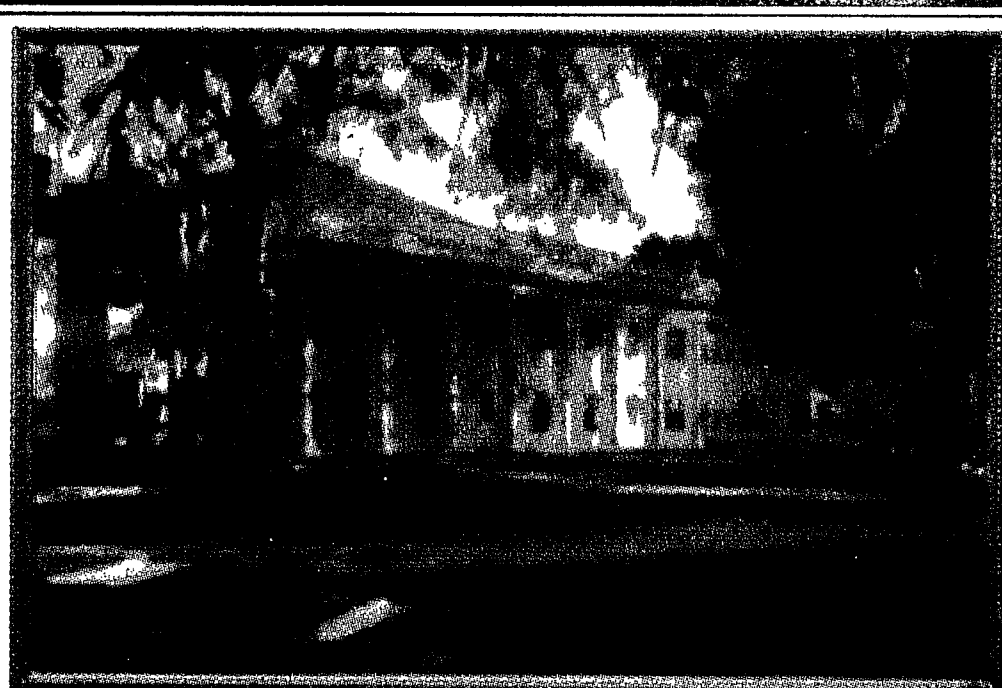
enrolled at Mississippi State University.

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Weddings and Engagements



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Berry

Thornton-Berry

Scherrie Tilese Thornton of Bay St. Louis and Michael Anthony Berry of Bay St. Louis were united in marriage March 2, 2002 in an afternoon ceremony in the Community Center with Judge Tommy Carver officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Bennie McLain of Philadelphia, Miss., and Mrs. Willie Pitts of Bay St. Louis.

The groom's parents are Mrs. Doris Landry of

Avondale, La. and the late Joseph Berry.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Matron of honor was Scherrie Henderson, and bridesmaid was Lacey Clark.

Flower girl was Carolyn Corkern, and ring bearer was Phillip Henderson.

Best men were Joseph Berry and Adam Thornton.

A reception followed the ceremony. The couple will reside in Bay St. Louis.

Scardino-Nash to marry

Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Scardino, Jr. of Pass Christian announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Susan Scardino, to Dylan Tobias Nash, both of Houston, Texas.

The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Nash of Coldspring, Texas, formerly of Tulsa, Okla. The bride-elect was graduated from Our Lady Academy in Bay St. Louis in 1994. In 1998, she was graduated from Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science degree in maritime systems engineering. She is employed as a project engineer by Stolt Offshore Inc. in Houston.

The maternal grandparents are Elmer Lois Blanchard of Gretna and the late Lynn A. Blanchard and the late Mr. and Mrs. Angelo J. Scardino, Sr.

The future groom was reared in Tulsa and was graduated from Mounds High School in 1995. In 2000, he graduated Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science degree in marine transportation.



Mary Scardino and Dylan Nash

He is a licensed Merchant Marine Officer with the United States Coast Guard and is employed by Ocean Shipholdings Inc. as the Second Officer aboard the M/V Paul Buck.

The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J.P. Hedges of Midwest City, Okla. and the late Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nash.

Vows will be exchanged in April 2002 at St. Paul

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Watts-Howell

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Watts of Bay St. Louis wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn Muriel Watts, to Kevin Ray Howell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Howell of Lucedale, Miss.

Miss Watts is a 1993 graduate of Bay High School in Bay St. Louis and 1998 graduate of the University of South Alabama with a bachelor of science in international marketing with a minor in French. She is the manager at Hayley's.

Mr. Howell is a 1993 graduate of George County

High School in Lucedale and a 1998 graduate of the University of South Alabama with a bachelor of science in finance. He is vice-president and head trader at First Securities Company in Mobile, Ala.

Wedding vows will be exchanged in Mobile March 16, 2002 at 6 p.m. at Ashland Place United Methodist Church.

A reception will follow at Stewart Field on Springhill Campus. They will honeymoon in Paris, France, Barcelona and Madrid, Spain. The couple will reside in Mobile.



Jennifer Sellier and Douglas Smith

Sellier-Smith

Jennifer Sellier and Douglas Smith will be united in marriage March 16, 2002 at 3 p.m. in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis. The bride-elect is the daughter of Debbie Adams of Picayune, Deb Sellier of Bay St. Louis and the late David Sellier. The prospective groom's parents are Mrs. Barbara Smith of Bay St. Louis and the late Walter Ray Smith. Miss Sellier is a Bay High School graduate and attends Jefferson Davis campus pursuing a degree in elementary education. Mr. Smith is employed with Seals Drywall.

Delta State alumni to meet March 21

The Gulf Coast Chapter of the Delta State University Alumni Association will hold its annual meeting at 6:30 p.m., March 21, at Montana's Restaurant, located at 15151 Airport

Road in Gulfport.

Plans are complete for a buffet for \$13. "We ask that alumni and friends make reservations by March 15," Jones said. Contact Jones at 800.837, or Bobby Moore at 228.392.4774.

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Univ. of Miss. fall honor roll

The University of Mississippi announced its honor rolls for the fall semester.

A grade point average from 3.75 through 4.0 is required of full-time students carrying at least 12 semester hours for listing on the Chancellor's Honor Roll.

Named to the Chancellor's Honor Roll were Sarah Michele Myers, Benjamin Andrew Hanfelder and Casey Michael Favre, all of Bay St. Louis.

Three students from Hancock County were named to the Dean's Honor Roll.

A grade point average from 3.5 through 3.74 is required of full-time students carrying at least 12 semester hours for listing on the Dean's Honor Roll.

Dean's Honor Roll students include Kim Jee Young Frazier, Andrea Lynn Kinniburgh and Richard R. Mestayer, all of Bay St. Louis.

Head Start announces recruitment campaign

Head Start has announced its recruitment drive for Tuesday and Wednesday, March 12-13, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

Applications will be on hand to fill out, and parents will need to bring a certified birth certificate, proof of family income for 2001 (W2 or income tax), compliance letter from the Health Department and a Social Security card.

Children will be enrolled on a first-come, first-served basis according to income guidelines and all other requirements.

There will be face painting, refreshments, and activities provided for the children.



Frank Ladner, Hancock County Alumni Association president, congratulates Vicki Ladner, left, and Roxanne Fletcher on the receipt of their Hancock County Alumni Association scholarships.

PRCC students receive scholarships

Two Pearl River Community College students, Vicki Ladner of Hancock High School and Roxanne Fletcher of Bay High School, recently received Hancock County Alumni scholarships.

Vicki Ladner, daughter of Gwen and Lamar Ladner, is a pharmacy major who enjoys playing pool and basketball in her spare time. "I am honored to receive the scholarship," said Ladner. "I enjoy going to PRCC, and the best thing about the

school are the people."

Roxanne Fletcher, daughter of Judy Fletcher, is majoring in nutrition and dietetics. Fletcher is on the String of Pearls dance team and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

"I am excited about receiving the scholarship," said Fletcher. "PRCC is a great place to get an education, and I'm glad it is so close to home."

In order to receive the Hancock County Alumni

Scholarship, students must be a graduate of a high school within Hancock County, a full-time student, have financial need, and have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA. The scholarship covers tuition for the fall and spring semester. Officers of the Hancock County Pearl River Community College Alumni Association include Frank Ladner, president; J. Larry Ladner, vice-president; and Freda Cameron, secretary-treasurer.

USM/Gulf Coast scholars named

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Dean's List has been released for the 2001 fall session.

Listed students attended USM's Gulf Park campus in Long Beach or the Jackson County campus in Gautier.

The Dean's List includes full-time students with at least a 3.25 grade-point average but less than a 4.0 GPA.

Students from the local area include:

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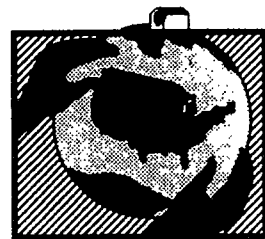
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Stella driving. I have found that I can focus on the ever-changing scene of the sky and water rather than see it as a peripheral adjunct to a stoplight or an erratic driver.

It's nice to be a passenger going along the road and watch the pelicans. I've talked about them before and I guess I sometimes repeat myself. I can't help it. To me, they present an elegance of motion that is a complete joy to watch.

What is nice is that pelicans can be found anywhere along the coast, overhead in groups, en echelon, lazily riding the coastal breeze or out in the water, skimming the surface. As Stella drives us across the Bay bridge or the clear area along the beach in Pass Christian, I can sit and watch them flying impossibly low over the water, magically keeping pace with us as we move along.

But this brings me to the point of what I want to say. I saw something in our drive to Biloxi last weekend that I had not really noticed before, something that I

probably would not have really noticed if I had been the person driving rather than in the passenger seat looking out. The exquisite grace of our live oaks without their leaves.

Now there, my friend, is beauty! Look for them the next time you drive east. Unfortunately, they are not as well seen on the return to the west, as the westbound lane is too close to the trees. But from the eastbound lane ... I have lived in the north and seen their barren trees in winter. Although there is a gray beauty about the scenes presented by the dark limbs of the sleeping trees and brown landscape, it can be a depressing, almost morbid view. We don't have the same view here. Here, our winters are short and the promise of spring is a delight we know is just a few weeks away.

And in the end of that period of waiting, in the period of our early spring, our live oaks, unlike the oaks of our northern neighbors, drop their leaves! In the spring, the winds blow and those winds swirl away

the leaves of our oaks leaving them briefly bare. And the patterns formed by the suddenly exposed bare limbs are unusual in their dynamic grace.

Last weekend I saw them so, stripped bare, waiting to be dressed in their new leaves. I saw dozens of them, perhaps a hundred, all on parade. Each a fantasy vision of clutching, upreaching stark limbs, silhouetted against the sky. Black limbs etched in unbelievably beautiful patterns, each different, each oh so nice.

them, I know, and soon they will be dressed again in their green leaves of summer and the wondrous vibrant grace of their bare uplifted limbs will be gone.

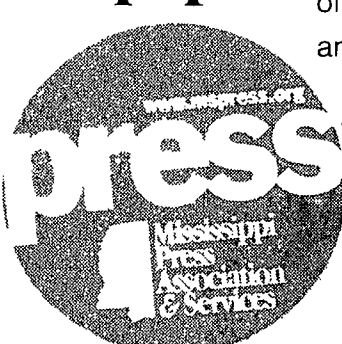
But for a short time, as Stella and I drove along the Coastal road to Biloxi, I looked out of our car's windows and saw them.

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Of interest are the theater seats, which were purchased from the once-famous Palace Theatre in New Orleans. Members will lead tours to explain what goes on backstage covering the lighting, sound, make-up and costume areas. Hours: 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

3. THE HOME AND COURTYARD OF MIKE AND MARSH SCHMIDT 540 Main Street Bay St. Louis

This home boasts a rich regional history having been constructed by a renown local contractor and member of the Labat family.

Originally built as a three-room shotgun c. 1897, the Schmidts purchased the home and began the laborious task to renovate and restore the home, striving to maintain its historical integrity.

To accomplish this, the Schmidts used salvaged architectural materials including stained glass windows from Hammond, La.; 75-year-old French doors, and much more.

Throughout the original part of the house, the walls and ceilings feature beaded board painted historical colors.

It is said that during Prohibition, the kitchen was equipped with a producing moonshine still brewing one of the best local brews.

The New Orleans-style courtyard at the rear of the home features bricks from a 1920's Gulfport factory, an Art Nouveau bronze statue retrofitted as a fountain and old roofing slates brought in from atop an old New Orleans home.

The Schmidts were also able to acquire the wooden brackets, railings and ball finials from the Bay St. Louis building on Blaize Avenue where the movie "This Property Was Condemned" was filmed.

This home has been meticulously restored and refined. Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

4. THE COTTAGE AND GARDENS OF ELIZABETH KAY HARRIS 543 Main Street Bay St. Louis

This Acadian Cottage built c. 1880 is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Harris, who purchased the home in 1995, says according to local legends, the cottage and its twin, which is adjacent to it, were built by brothers and are structurally identical, featuring 12-foot beaded board

ceilings, plastered walls and hardwood floors.

For Ms. Harris it is the "feel" of the house that she loves and describes it as one of "strength and endurance." Ms. Harris will have on display her extensive collection of miniature animal wood carvings by the New Mexican artist, Jorge Lovato.

She said it balances out her youthful collection of small plastic cartoon animals. Her artistic collection also includes numerous drawings by Gulf Coast artist Steve Shepard.

Greeting visitors is the front wildflower gardens. It attracts a variety of birds, butterflies, and "thanks" from daily passers-by. The back of the property extends 200 feet and is filled with a forest of oak trees, wild blueberry bushes and hickory trees.

Harris used the edge concept for planting, relying on small native trees and shrubs as a transition between the home's lawn and backyard forest. Over 30 native plants pay tribute to this historic home site. Hours: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

5. THE HANCOCK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY AT THE KATE LOBRANO HOUSE 108 Cue Street Bay St. Louis

Charles Gray, historian, invites you to stop by for refreshments. Tour maps and brochures available.

The heirs of the late Kate Lobrano donated this turn-of-the-century home to the Historical Society. Mr. Gray and society members maintain a small library and museum.

Of special interest are the hundreds of photos capturing coastal homes through the years with an historic overview showing the sites before and after Hurricane Camille. Hours: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

6. VIEWS FROM THE FRONT PORCH OF PAUL AND STELLA LAVIOLETTE 665 North Beach Boulevard, Waveland

This talented Waveland couple will share the picturesque view that has inspired several of their books about the Mississippi Gulf Coast and Sound inspired by the view from their porch, gazebo, and gardens.

Last year Paul completed his third book, "Where the Blue Herons Dance" and he will share the unique experiences and observations recounted in this latest book.

Stella has written a cookbook, "Blueberry Peaches, Red Robin Pie." Her colorfully illustrated book captures many of the delicious recipes that she is widely known for and that Paul talks about in his book. Hours: 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

7. THE HOME OF BERNARD AND ROSEMARY MIGLIORE, 109 Mollere Drive

Waveland

This enchanting Colonial-style home features an attractive collection of local artwork. In the open living room hangs a handcrafted mobile by Toni Trapani, owner of the famous Bay St. Louis eatery, Trapani's Eatery.

His creative use of driftwood, combined with his love of fishing are visible in his work. You will also see works in oil and watercolor by artists Mary Herrin, Ann Kearney, Paula Lori and Karin Bose.

On display in the kitchen/sunroom is an exquisite metal fish designed by the mayor of Covington, who is renowned for his artistic works.

The Miglioires have preserved the memory of their attractive country-style residence by commissioning a watercolor print of their home painted by Bay St. Louis artist, Jackie Warrington.

Visitors will enjoy Rosemary's creative talent for combining works of art in her day-to-day surroundings. Hours: 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

8. THE COTTAGE AND STUDIO OF SUSAN AND DAN MCMANUS, SR. 304 Nicholson Avenue Waveland

Susan and Dan McManus of Abita Springs purchased this 1930's raised cottage on oak-lined Nicholson Avenue three years ago and began renovating and adding on immediately.

The cottage interior was expanded as walls were removed and new rooms created. The kitchen update called for new cabinets and flooring.

The couple added French doors, a full bath, a sunroom and many other amenities. Susan feels that her effective use of every available space makes up for her home's overall small size.

Last year they built a charming backyard studio. The cottage is an ongoing project for this retired school principal and her insurance executive husband who do all the work themselves.

A pergola was the latest addition to the property. Susan is an avid collector and you will see her collections in every room. The semi-tropical gardens provide a cascade of color in spring and summer. Hours: 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

9. THE HOME OF GEORGE AND LILI STAHLER THE GREEN HOUSE THE RED HOUSE 513 Jeff Davis Waveland

The Green House has been in the family since 1943, originally a six-room center hall cottage built c. 1900.

Lili's family notes that it was moved to its existing location in the early 1920's. The Stahlers began renovations on the home in 2001 updating it from a summer/weekend home to their

permanent residence.

The original part of the home contains a blend of the antique furniture collected from both Lili and George's families. The front room features a Rosewood love seat, matching chairs, a plantation gentleman's chair with its matching lady's chair and a Danish sea captain's "wedding chest."

The original claw-foot bathtub is one of the features in the guest bath. In the great room is the writ-

ing desk of George's great-grandmother and an elegant Boston library table carved with the Page family coat of arms on either side.

A circular pine stairway leads to a second floor study. The master suite features a lovely sleigh bed and French dressing table.

One of Lili's favorite areas is her garden bath. On display is her Statue of Liberty collection. Of special interest is the stained glass window of Miss Liberty and the Twin

Towers


Leaving the home, the path wanders along a beautiful pond, and a gazebo is used as a guest house for its nearby pool.

Lili said the family refers to it as the "Home on the Cottage" because of the activities spent there. One night there The Stahlers art collection includes work by Elsworth and Wilbur Woodward.

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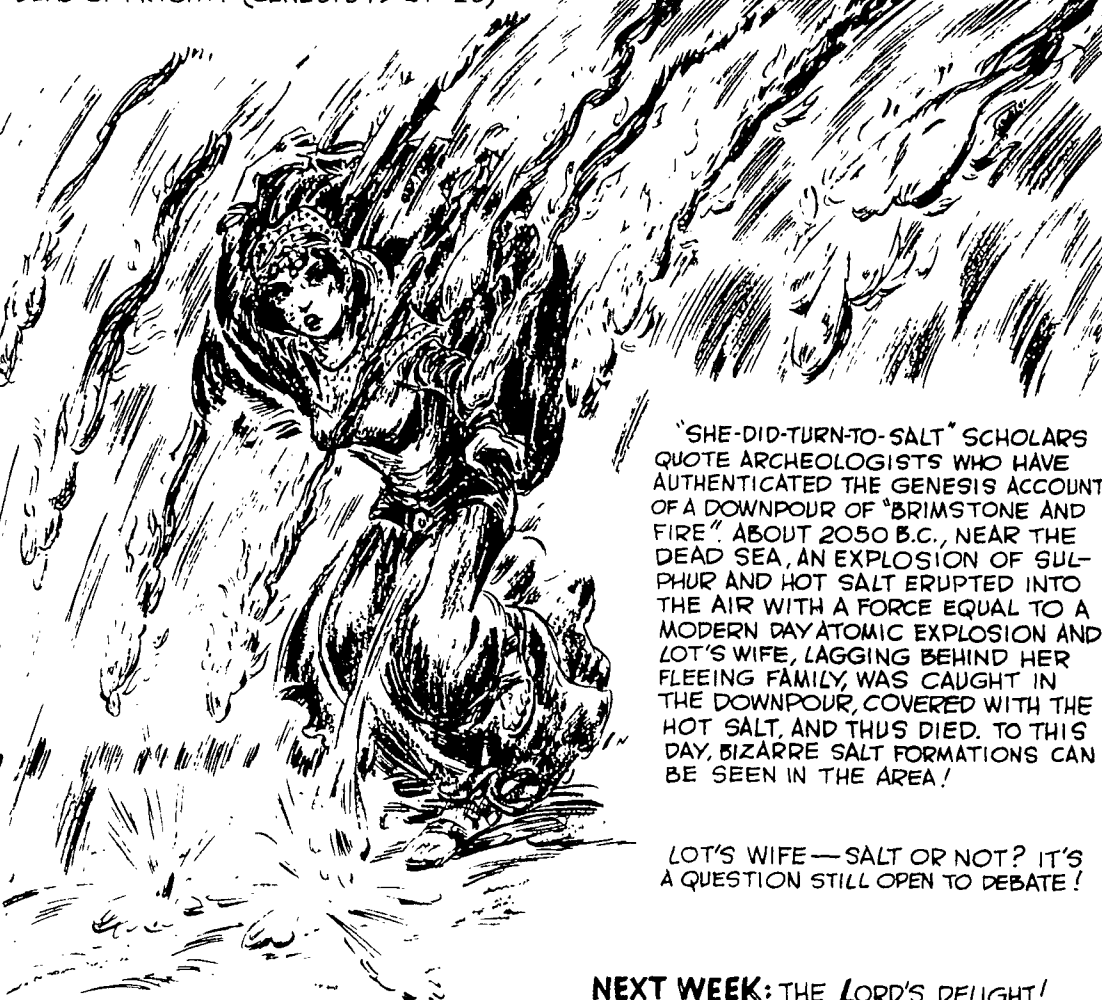
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REFLECTIONS
ON LIFEBy Father Jerome
LeDoux, SVDWe must be
converted daily

Saying good-bye can be very difficult, even after just five days of getting to know people, as I was reminded all over again recently. At the end of a revival, or parish mission as some call it, people filed up to stroke me with their pleasantries of gratitude and well-wishing.

Invariably, some people are humorous, some serious, some effusive, some laconic, and some very emotional. There were more wet eyes than I cared to count, until finally one young lady, who had taken me to meet her husband and family, stood before me with tears streaming in every direction.

Taken aback, I was deeply moved, even somewhat afflicted at the degree of pain she was registering after five days of praying together, singing together, dialoguing together on the Good News, and having a good time together with the other church members in God's house. In short, we often refer to that kind of carrying on as jamming with Jesus.

She and one other parishioner asked the same straightforward question: "Will I see you again?"

While that might have meant less even a decade ago, now that I'm on the far side of 70 it had a sense of urgency and immediacy that made me wonder exactly how they were picturing me, my health and my future in their minds.

This oft-repeated scene is one which most people in all walks of life have to contend with sooner or later and too frequently for our consolation and comfort. Paul recounts several tearful, poignant departures during his missionary work among the cities of the Mediterranean.

"When he (Paul) had finished speaking, he knelt down and prayed with them all. They (the Ephesians) were all weeping loudly as they threw their arms around Paul and kissed him, for they were, deeply distressed that he had said that they would never see his face again" (Acts 20:36-38).

It is not uncommon for this kind of strong emotional attachment to grow out of various human relationships arising from social seminars, educational conventions, athletic contests, sundry recreational gatherings, and even business workshops and conventions.

However, the emotional attachments originating from purveyors and sharers of the Good News is in a class all by itself.

Paul's gut-wrenching experiences with the Ephesians and the other people of the Mediterranean are typical of the present-day church relationships

and attachments.

The reasons, of course, for this one-of-a-kind intensity and depth of human commitment to other humans are elementary. After all is said and done, the Good News is the only thing which stands forever, and eternity, or forever, is the one word which we all pursue directly or indirectly, consciously or perhaps to a great extent unbeknownst to ourselves.

Therefore, when someone hits a responsive chord of life forever, of love forever, of salvation forever, all of us humans respond in the same way. We reach out to grasp and hold the source, the messenger, the signpost which has digested the Good News and is now passing it on as a personal sharing.

What could have a greater uniting and emotional impact on our relations with other humans than the sure conviction that our transcendent God can and will carry us over all life's obstacles, pains, sorrows, illnesses and even death itself, raising us from the grave to eternal life?

Standing astride everything we are, everything we have and everything we will ever be or do, Emmanuel gives us his simple, universe-bending credentials: "Before Abraham came to be, I AM" (John 8:58).

Which creates a thunderous emotional impact first in the hearers of the Word, then a boomerang effect in the givers of the Word. The preacher, the evangelist gets a generous dose of the same conversion which she/he is striving to instill in the minds, hearts and souls of those receiving.

The lesson is inescapable. Neither the evangelist nor the hearer has any advantage with regard to the Good News and the conversion or turning back to God which it trumpets. We are each building blocks in the kingdom, doing our own assigned charge according to our personal abilities.

"As in one body we have many parts, and all the parts do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ and individually parts of one another" (Romans 12:4-5).

So it is in the unfolding of our salvation that the evangelist finds himself in as much need, if not more, of conversion as the people to whom he brings the Good News: "I drive my body for fear that, after having preached to others, I myself should be disqualified" (1 Corinthians 9:27).

Every day, every hour we stand in need of conversion, even though that may mean just small, periodical adjustments on the spiritual path we trod.

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Each Wednesday during Lent Mass and Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m.

During Lent, Mass will be celebrated in church instead of the chapel.

Wednesdays, Father Jack will conduct Bible Study class in the Education Building immediately following Mass and Stations of the Cross. Class will continue each Wednesday during Lent.

All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.

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School News
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March 12: Confirmation class at 6:45 p.m.

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March 17: Children's Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Children's baptism for those receiving First Communion in May

March 12: Seniors Club meeting at 10 a.m.

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Many people call the date of this last journey Palm Sunday. Why? The community greeted Jesus with great exuberance.

"Most of the multitude spread their garments in the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in the road" (Matthew 21:8).

And the people cried out, "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest" (Matthew 21:9).

The Bible also says the people "took branches of the palm trees, and went out to meet Him" (John 12:13).

It must have been quite a scene. "And Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it" (John 12:14).

Now this took place that what was spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, "Say to the daughter of Zion, behold your king is coming to you, gentle, and mounted on a donkey" (Matthew 21:4-5).

All of this is evidence that the Bible is the Word of God. It is not a book of fantasy. It is a book of prophecy fulfilled in intimate detail by Jesus Christ!

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Prayers for the sick: Every Wednesday after morning Mass

Way of the Cross: Every Friday in Lent at 6:30 p.m. followed by Benediction

St. Joseph Altar: Sunday, March 17 after Mass there will be a pot-luck meatless dinner. Everybody is asked to bring a dish. Lynne and

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Palm Sunday: March 24 begins Holy Week. Blessings of the Palms will take place at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Holy Week schedule: Monday-Wednesday: Rosary at 8 a.m. followed by Mass.

Holy Thursday: Mass at 7 p.m.

Transfer of the Holy Eucharist to the side altar with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9 a.m. (No morning Mass)

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross at 3 p.m.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion service and Veneration of the Cross at 7 p.m.

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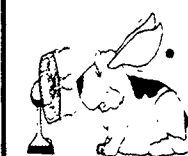
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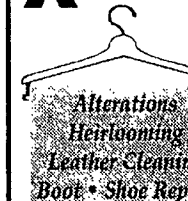
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Births

ANNA NOELLE FLANNERY

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Patrick Flannery of Diamondhead announce the birth of their third child, Anna Noelle, Jan. 28, 2002 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Shidell.

Mrs. Flannery is the former Allison Miller.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Miller of Waterproof, La.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Flannery of Colorado Springs, Col.

Anna is welcomed by sisters Elizabeth and Morgan.

JACOB TREY CARPENTER

Brian Carpenter and Hollie Hoda of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of a son, Jacob Trey, Feb. 20, 2002 at 1:57 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

Maternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hoda.

Paternal grandfather is David Carpenter Sr. of Bay St. Louis.

Jacob is welcomed by brothers Jesse and Joshua.

ANAYSA MARIE FULTON

Neal Fulton and Felisha Arnold of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their first child, Anaysa Marie, Jan. 21, 2002 at 1:13 p.m. at

Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Curtis and Bridgett Murray of Lakeshore.

Paternal grandparents are O'Neal and Dora Fulton of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents include John and Carolyn Veillon of Lakeshore.

Anaysa is welcomed by her first cousin, Tyler Ryan.

SKYE FELICITY HIRSTIUS

Chris and Julie Hirstius of Waveland announce the birth of their second child, Skye Felicity, Feb. 5, 2002 at 7:28 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

She weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

Mrs. Hirstius is the former Julie Hincks.

Maternal grandparents are Robert and Margie Hincks of Waveland.

Paternal grandparents are Charles and Myra Hirstius of Waveland.

Skye is welcomed by her sister, Raim.

FLOYD WILLIAM JARRELL IV

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd William Jarrell III of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their first child, Feb. 2, 2002 at 5:29 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 6 pounds, 12

ounces.

Mrs. Jarrell is the former Amanda Hamann.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hall Jr. of Waveland.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jarrell Jr. of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents include Gerry Hall of Bay St. Louis and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Jarrell Sr. of Florida.

NICHELLE JASMINE VASQUEZ

Nicholas Vasquez and Tara Keller of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their first child, Nichelle Jasmine, Jan. 22, 2002 at 10:26 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Paula K. Garcia and Leon Louque of Bay St. Louis and Louisiana.

Paternal grandparents are Estella Beech and Nick Vasquez Sr. of Bay St. Louis and Florida.

Great-grandparents include Ray and Joyce Keller, Ruth and Kenneth Louque and Margret Gomez.

CAMILLE GRACE COFFEY

Chris and Tina Coffey of Vero Beach, Fla. announce the birth of their second child, Camille Grace, Dec. 17, 2001 at 8:45 p.m. at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

She weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces.

Mrs. Coffey is the former Tina Ryan.

Maternal grandparents are Pat and Marilyn Ryan of Waveland.

Paternal grandparents are Don and Carol Coffey of Lafayette, Ind.

Great-grandparents include Dave and Lucy McDonald and Nat Ryan, all of Bay St. Louis and the late Jimmy Ryan.

Camille is welcomed by Evan.

JOSEPH W. GEX III

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Gex II of Kiln announce the birth of their first child, Joseph W. III, February 28, 2002 at 2:20 a.m. at Garden Park Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

Mrs. Gex is the former Robin Seal.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Seal of Kiln.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Gex of Waveland.

NATHAN STEVE KLEIN

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Klein of Lakeshore announce the birth of their second child, Nathan Steve, Jan. 27, 2002 at 4:52 p.m. at Slidell Memorial Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 1 ounce.

Mrs. Klein is the former Jeannie Seay.

Maternal grandparents are Irma Seay of Lakeshore and the late Delbert Seay.

Paternal grandparents are Lee and Marie Klein of Clermont Harbor.

Great-grandmother is Dorothy Gehrman of Rockville, Md.

Nathan is welcomed by

his sister, Sydney, 5.

LOGAN GRACE RAY

Mr. and Mrs. Brodie Ray of Gulfport announce the birth of a daughter, Logan Grace, Jan. 25, 2002 at 2:03 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. She weighed 7 pounds.

Mrs. Ray is the former Terri Adams.

Maternal grandparents are Barbara Adams of Gulfport and Lewis Adams of Roanoke, Va.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Ray of Long Beach.

Great-grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rishel of Long Beach.

HANNAH MICHELLE OGLESBY

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Oglesby of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their third child, Hannah Michelle, Jan. 23, 2002 at 1:26 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

Mrs. Oglesby is the former Michelle Welch.

Maternal grandparents are Diana Baldwin and Frank May, both of Bay St. Louis, and Mario Welch of New Orleans.

Paternal grandparents are Bobby and Sandra Oglesby of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. William Welch of New Orleans, Mr. and Mrs. Louis O'Rourke of New Orleans and Ms. Oldman of Bay St. Louis.

Hannah is welcomed by

her sisters Tyla and Cody.

EUGENE BRISBANE TANKERSLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Tankersley of Pass Christian announce the birth of their first child, Eugene Brisbane IV, Feb. 15, 2002 at 2:15 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. He weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Glen D. and Darline Johnson of Green River, Utah.

Paternal grandparents are Eugene B. and Nancy Tankersley of Montrose, Colo.

Great-grandparents are Abraham and Linda Hunt.

ISAAC BRYSON RICARD

Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Ricard Jr. of Waveland announce the birth of a son, Isaac Bryson, Feb. 15, 2002 at 1:12 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

Mrs. Ricard is the former Jessica Ashton.

Maternal grandparents are Pennie McGuire of Diamondhead and Leonard Ashton of Lewiston, Me.

Paternal grandparents are Catherine Ricard of Amite, La. and Leroy Ricard Sr. of Kenner.

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

The unknown or known heirs at law and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in the estate of Carolyn Anne Phillips Stechmann are hereby summoned to appear to show cause why the petition filed against you in this action should not be granted. The petition is on file in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action on the 8th day of April 2002 in the courtroom of the Hancock County Court, Room 306 at 306 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi and in the case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but may do so if you desire. Signed under my hand and seal of this Court this 27th day of February 2002.

TIM KELLAR
Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF
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IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
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CAUSE NO. 2001-731
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

The unknown or known heirs at law and all other persons claiming any right, title or interest in the estate of James Kergosean Morlan are hereby summoned to appear to show cause why the petition filed against you in this action should not be granted. The petition is on file in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action on the 8th day of April 2002 in the courtroom of the Hancock County Court, Room 306 at 306 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi and in the case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but may do so if you desire. Signed under my hand and seal of this Court this 27th day of February 2002.

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No. 2002-122
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

I, DAWN EVANS SOKOL, Administrator of the estate of PENELPE P. KENT, DECEASED, do hereby give notice that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present to their claims to the Clerk of said Court and to have them probated and allowed within 90 days from the date of the first publication of this notice, failure to do so will bar the claim.

This 6th day of March, 2002
DAWN EVANS SOKOL, Administrator
BORAH A. THOMPSON
Bar No. 9645
Krisman, Rus, Wooten & Samson PLLC
1411 Main Street
Meridian, Bldg. Suite 600
Meridian, MS 39501
2002-03-17 03/24/02

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
PENELPE P. KENT, DECEASED
DAWN EVANS SOKOL, PETITIONER

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
PENELPE P. KENT, DECEASED
DAWN EVANS SOKOL, PETITIONER
No. 2002-122
SUMMONS
The unknown heirs-at-law of PENELPE P. KENT, DECEASED, are hereby summoned to appear to show cause why the petition filed against you in this action should not be granted. The petition is on file in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi. You are hereby summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action on the 8th day of April 2002 in the courtroom of the Hancock County Court, Room 306 at 306 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi and in the case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but may do so if you desire. Signed under my hand and seal of said Court this 6th day of March 2002.

Timothy A. Kellar
By Kim Bonano
Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi
03/10, 03/17, 03/24/02

NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BIDS
AGENCY TO DEVELOP MARKETING
STRATEGY CAMPAIGN FOR THE GULF COAST
WORK FORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

Bids will be received by Gulf Coast Business Services Corporation, 330 Courthouse Road, Gulfport, Mississippi, Telephone (228) 897-1881, until the hour of 5:00 p.m. on March 28, 2002 for the following services:
An agency or organization to develop a strategy and a marketing campaign to inform the public in the Gulf Coast Workforce Investment Area Six (Gulfport, Hancock, Jackson, and Stennis Counties) of the services available to adult job seekers and dislocated workers through the Workforce Investment Network (WIN) system and the Workforce Investment Act activities through as follows:
-located youth services providers. The marketing campaign will also advertise for eligible Workforce Investment Act participants for these services. The multifaceted, multifaceted campaign should have components addressing all the services available through the Win Job Centers affliate Win Job Center sites, other access points and service providers organizations located throughout the five county Gulf Coast Workforce Investment Area. MARKETING STRATEGY should target area employers and job seekers. Advertising in various media outlets is planned to be ongoing marketing effort.
Bids will be judged on total cost of campaign, including advertisements for all media types. All bids must be on file with GCBSIC on or prior to the hour and date stated and must be clearly identified indicating, "Bid on Marketing Campaign." Bids not so marked are submitted at the risk of the bidder and GCBSIC assumes no responsibility for premature opening of same. Bids must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 28, 2002 at the above address or at the E-mail address of padgett@gcbsic.com. Bids sent through the U.S. Mail are done so at the risk of the bidder. Bids may be E-mailed but are done so at the risk of the bidder. E-mailed bids must be followed by hard copy within three work days. Bids may be delivered in person to GCBSIC at the Gulfport office, 330 Courthouse Road, Gulfport, MS between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.
Questions concerning this Invitation for Bids should be directed to Jerry Padgett, at the address shown above. Telephone inquiries may be made by calling (228) 897-1881. There will be a bidders conference at 10:00 a.m. March 11, 2002, in the offices of Gulf Coast Business Services Corporation to discuss the marketing campaign envisioned in this invitation for bids. Prospective bidders are requested to call Jerry Padgett at (228) 897-1881 by 5:00 p.m. March 7, 2002 if they plan to attend the Bidder's Conference. This notice does not contain all the necessary information and specifications to prepare a complete bid package.
GCBSIC reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive the formalities. All Bids must remain valid for a period of 90 calendar days from the date of bid closing.
03/07, 03/10/02.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
Hancock County.
Executive's Notice to Creditors
of GEORGE JANVIER, JR.
2002-64

Letters testamentary having been granted on the 15th day of February, 2002, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of George Janvier, Jr., deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registering according to law within 90 days from this date, or they will be forever barred.
This 24 day of Feb., A.D., 2002
s/ George Janvier, III
Executive,
02/24; 03/03, 03/10/02

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on November 22, 2000, OLLIE J. MORAN and WIFE SUZANNE M. MORAN, executed a Deed of Trust to PAUL C. CANTANU, Trustee for the benefit of MS CREDIT CENTER, INC. D/B/A MS LOAN CENTER, which deed of Trust is recorded in Deed of Trust Book 611, pages 870-871, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, State of Mississippi; and WHEREAS, MS CREDIT CENTER, INC. D/B/A MS LOAN CENTER heretofore substituted Clement S. Benvenutti as Trustee by instrument (SBSI) dated February 20, 2002, which was recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; Deed of Trust Record Book 679, pages 888-891; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of the said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust and the legal holder of the indebtedness, MS CREDIT CENTER, INC. D/B/A MS LOAN CENTER having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell the land and property in accordance with the terms of the said Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder together with Attorney's fees, Substituted Trustee fees, and the expenses of the sale, NOW, THEREFORE, I, CLEMENT S. BENVENUTTI, Substitute Trustee in said Deed of Trust will on the Monday, the 1st day of April, 2002, offer for sale at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.) at the main front door at the county courthouse at Bay St. Louis County, Hancock County, State of Mississippi, the following described property situated in the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, to wit: Lot One (1), DECADE HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, a subdivision according to the official map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Plat Book 8 at Page 9 thereof, referenced to which is hereby made in aid of and as part of this description.

WITNES MY SIGNATURE this 5th day of March 2002
CLEMENT S. BENVENUTTI
Substitute Trustee
125 Court Street
Post Office Box 585
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
Telephone: (228) 467-0744
MS BAR NO. 2435
03/10 03/17 03/24, 03/31/02

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on January 20, 2000, RANDY BROUSSARD, executed a Deed of Trust to GERALD C. CEEK, Trustee for the benefit of MARY PERRAULT, which deed of Trust is recorded in Deed of Trust Record Book 580, pages 157, in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, State of Mississippi; and WHEREAS, MARY PERRAULT heretofore substituted Clement S. Benvenutti as Trustee by instrument dated February 19, 2002, which was recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; Deed of Trust Record Book 679, pages 887-888; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of the said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust and the legal holder of the indebtedness, MARY PERRAULT having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell the land and property in accordance with the terms of the said Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder together with Attorney's fees, Substituted Trustee fees, and the expense of the sale, NOW, THEREFORE, I, CLEMENT S. BENVENUTTI, Substitute Trustee in said Deed of Trust will on the Monday, the 1st day of April, 2002, offer for sale at public outcry for cash to the highest bidder and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.) at the main front door at the county courthouse at Bay St. Louis County, Hancock County, State of Mississippi, the following described property situated in the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, to wit: Lots 12 and 13, Block 333, SHORELINE PARK SUBDIVISION, Unit 1, Addition 1, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per plat of said subdivision of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi. WITNES MY SIGNATURE this 5th day of March, 2002.

CLEMENT S. BENVENUTTI
Substitute Trustee
125 Court Street
Post Office Box 585
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
Telephone: (228) 467-0744
MS BAR NO. 2435
03/10, 03/17, 03/24, 03/31/02

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD BEFORE THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WAVELAND ON THE 25TH DAY OF MARCH 2002, AT THE CITY OF WAVELAND BOARD ROOM, 307 COLEMAN AVENUE, WAVELAND, MISSISSIPPI, AT 6:00 P.M. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

Larry Boudon requests variance of 14'7" from the required rear yard setback in order to construct a covered patio on his property, which is located at 255 Pine Ridge Drive.
Legal description is:
Lot 75 & W 1/2 74 Pine Ridge Park Subdivision City of Waveland, Hancock County Mississippi
Steven and Lisa Cooksey requests a variance of 5' from the required side yard setback in order to construct a shed on their property which is located at 142 Seabrook Drive.
Legal description is:
Lot 25 Section 2, Lakewood Subdivision, City of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi
Ward Kirchwehm requests a variance from the minimum lot frontage in order to divide a parcel that he owns located at 504 Jeff Davis Avenue.
Legal description is:
Lot 10, 4th Ward, City of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi.

Jerry Strahan, Vice President of Lucky Dogs, requests a variance of 15 1/2' from the required sign height and also a variance of 128 square feet from the required square footage allowed in order to mount an existing sign to be located at 306 Highway 90.
Legal description is:
Pl. SE 1/4 NE 1/4 14, 34-8-14W, City of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi
Dwight and Wanda Haskell requests a variance from the minimum lot frontage in order to create two parcels of land, which exists in one owner. This property is located at 807 Edna Street.
Legal description is: Lots 12-17, Block 17, Waveland Highlands, City of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi.
ALL INTERESTED PARTIES MAY ATTEND AND HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD.
For additional information phone 466-2549, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
Christine Gallagher
Zoning Official
03/10, 03/14, 03/17/02

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed bids for the replacement of cooling towers at Hancock County High School, Kilm, MS will be received by the Hancock County School Board at the Superintendent's Office, 17304 Hwy. 603, Kilm, MS 39556 until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2002 and then publicly opened and read aloud.

Single stipulated sum bids will be received for all work required by the Contract Documents in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Instructions to Bidders, Form of Bid, Form of Contract, Form of Contract Bond, Drawings, Specifications and other Contract Documents are on file at the School District Office, 17304 Hwy. 603, Kilm, Mississippi and may be examined there and at the following:
1. Office of the Engineer
2. ABC Plan Rooms, Gulfport, Jackson, Hattiesburg, and Meridian, Mississippi
3. AGC Plan Rooms, Gulfport, and Jackson, Mississippi
Copies may be obtained at the office Canon Engineering LLC, Gulfport, MS (228-863-0728), upon payment of a deposit of \$25.00 per set. Deposit refundable in full to bidders who return the documents in good condition within ten (10) days after bid date for up to two sets for General Contractors, one set for Mechanical and Electrical Contractors, and a limited quantity to other subcontractors and material suppliers contingent upon availability.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or all bids. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Instructions to Bidders. Bidders shall comply with the law of the State of Mississippi requiring Certificate of Responsibility. Resident contractors shall, in accordance with laws of the State of Mississippi, be given preference over non-residents in the award of this contract in the same manner and to the same extent as provided by the laws of the state domicile of the non-resident contractor. A non-resident contractor pertaining to such state's treatment of non-resident contractors.
HANCOCK COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
MIKE LADNER
SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION
03/10, 03/17/02

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, until 11:00 a.m., March 20, 2002, and shortly thereafter, publicly opened for providing PLASTIC CULVERTS to Hancock County for a six month period beginning at the date of acceptance of said bid until the end of December, 2002, or until a new bid and/or contract is accepted.

Said culverts to be delivered FOB Hancock County, truckload or less to points designated by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors. Bid Specifications are available upon request from the Office of the Chancery Clerk Hancock County Courthouse, 150 Main Street P.O. Box 129, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi or by calling (228) 467-0172.
All envelopes must be marked on the outside of the envelope "BID ENCLOSED" and state the date and time of bid opening date.
All envelopes must be stamped filed in the Hancock County Chancery Clerk's Office before 11:00 a.m. on the day of the bid opening.
The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County Mississippi this 20th day of February 2002
(Seal)
Timothy A. Kellar
Clerk, Board of Supervisors
Hancock County, Mississippi
By Penny Dean, D.C.
03/03 03/10/02

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
IN THE CHANCERY COURT
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
CAUSE NO. 2002-156
PERRY L. ROACH PLAINTIFF

VS.
LELA WALTERS, WILLIAM TATE, III, MARY TATE JOHNSON, ELISHA TATE BENSON, ALICE TATE, JOY ELLEN WALLACE ANDERSON, JOHN J. WALLACE, III, JOEL WALLACE, JUNE WALLACE HOLMES, JEFFREY WALLACE, DIANE LABAT, CATHERINE LABAT, ALBERT TATE, WALTER ROMAN, JR., CAROL RAMAN, AMELIA ROMAN, MELBA ELAINE BOYD, LEE BOYD, JEAN CUSSEAU, DEBORAH CUSSEAU, CURTIS CUSSEAU, DAVE CUSSEAU, JR., ALBERT CUSSEAU, ERNEST CUSSEAU, HOWARD CUSSEAU, CARLOS CUSSEAU, HENRIETTA LABAT, EDGAR LABAT, VICTORINE LABAT, TAYLOR AKIA VICTORINE LABAT, MCDADE, CARROLL W. ALLEN, O.H. CAMPBELL, ANTHONY JENNINGS, LAWRENCE WALTER ROGERS, JR., LAWRENCE WALTER ROGERS, SR., EDNA VELMA ROGERS, MIRIAM ENGMAN, TILDEN PICK, MILTON PICK, MRS. ADELE PICK AGUILAR, THAIA LEOPOLD PICK, DEBORAH ROSE PICK, RODNEY LEWIS PICK, CHARLES EDWARD PICK, HENRY R. GUSTINE, JR., BUFFIE FAYRE, JOHNNIE E. JORDAN, IF LIVING, AND IF DECEASED THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVICES AT LAW, ANY AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN AND TO THE LAND DESCRIBED HEREINAFTER AS PARCELS ONE THROUGH SIX, SOLD FOR TAXES ON THE DATES HEREINAFTER SET FORTH, ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST, WHETHER LEGAL OR EQUITABLE IN AND TO THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREINAFTER AS PARCELS ONE THROUGH SIX DEFENDANTS.

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
VS.
LELA WALTERS, WILLIAM TATE, III, MARY TATE JOHNSON, ELISHA TATE BENSON, ALICE TATE, JOY ELLEN WALLACE ANDERSON, JOHN J. WALLACE, III, JOEL WALLACE, JUNE WALLACE HOLMES, JEFFREY WALLACE, DIANE LABAT, CATHERINE LABAT, ALBERT TATE, WALTER ROMAN, JR., CAROL RAMAN, AMELIA ROMAN, MELBA ELAINE BOYD, LEE BOYD, JEAN CUSSEAU, DEBORAH CUSSEAU, CURTIS CUSSEAU, DAVE CUSSEAU, JR., ALBERT CUSSEAU, ERNEST CUSSEAU, HOWARD CUSSEAU, CARLOS CUSSEAU, HENRIETTA LABAT, EDGAR LABAT, VICTORINE LABAT, TAYLOR AKIA VICTORINE LABAT, MCDADE, CARROLL W. ALLEN, O.H. CAMPBELL, ANTHONY JENNINGS, LAWRENCE WALTER ROGERS, JR., LAWRENCE WALTER ROGERS, SR., EDNA VELMA ROGERS, MIRIAM ENGMAN, TILDEN PICK, MILTON PICK, MRS. ADELE PICK AGUILAR, THAIA LEOPOLD PICK, DEBORAH ROSE PICK, RODNEY LEWIS PICK, CHARLES EDWARD PICK, HENRY R. GUSTINE, JR., BUFFIE FAYRE, JOHNNIE E. JORDAN, IF LIVING, AND IF DECEASED THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVICES AT LAW, ANY AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY INTEREST IN AND TO THE LAND DESCRIBED HEREINAFTER AS PARCELS ONE THROUGH SIX, SOLD FOR TAXES ON THE DATES HEREINAFTER SET FORTH, ANY AND ALL PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST, WHETHER LEGAL OR EQUITABLE IN AND TO THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED HEREINAFTER AS PARCELS ONE THROUGH SIX DEFENDANTS.

That certain real property located in Hancock County, Mississippi, described in the Chancery Clerk's conveyance of land, sold for taxes on October 1, 1999 as: "PT SW 1/4 SW 1/4, SEC. 33, Twp. 8S, Range 15W, Hancock County, Mississippi," (being Tax parcel #128-0-33-004 000), which property is more particularly described as follows:
All that part of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 lying West of Highway #90, and being further described as follows: Beginning at a point on the West margin of Highway #90, 285 feet West of the NE corner of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4, thence run North 1.035 feet, thence run South 575 feet to the West right-of-way line of said highway, thence in a northeasterly direction along said highway to the point of beginning, containing 6.5 acres, more or less, and being a part of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 33, Township 8 South, Range 15 West, Hancock, Mississippi, PARCEL TWO.

That certain real property located in Hancock County, Mississippi, described in the Chancery Clerk's conveyance of land, sold for taxes on September 3, 1997 as: "9 & 10, BORDAGES SUBDIVISION, SEC. 44, TWP. 8 S, RANGE 14 W, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI," (being Tax parcel #137J-0-44-102 000), and being more particularly described as follows:
Lots 9 and 10, BORDAGES Subdivision, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official map or plat thereof, on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

That certain real property located in Hancock County, Mississippi, described in the Chancery Clerk's conveyance of land sold for taxes on October 7, 1999 as: "15 & 16, BLK 602, SHORELINE PARK, UNIT #3, ADD #1, SEC. 40, TWP. 8S, RANGE 14W, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI," (being Tax parcel #134F-0-40-009 000), and being more particularly described as follows:
Lots 14, 15 and 16, Block 323, Shoreline Park Subdivision, Unit 3, Addition 1, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official map or plat thereof, on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

That certain real property located in Hancock County, Mississippi, described in the Chancery Clerk's conveyance of land sold for taxes on August 23, 1999 as: "15 & 16, BLK 602, SHORELINE PARK, UNIT 6, ADD. 2, SEC. 39, TWP. 8S, RANGE 14W, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI," (being Tax parcel #135N-1-39-032 000), being more particularly described as follows:
Lots 15 and 16, Block 602, SHORELINE PARK SUBDIVISION, Unit 6, Addition 2, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per official map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

That certain real property located in Hancock County, Mississippi, described in the Chancery Clerk's conveyance of land sold for taxes on October 7, 1999 as: "BORDAGES SUB. PT. 21 & 22, SEC. 44, TWP. 8S, RANGE 14W, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI," (being Tax parcel #137J-0-44-097 000), and being more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at a stake set on the North line of a street, now or formerly known as Goodchildren Street (which is the Southeast corner of the property described herein as Parcel Five); thence run North 70 degrees West 700 feet to a stake; thence run North 22 degrees East 113 feet to a stake; thence run South 70 degrees East 700 feet to a stake; thence run South 20 West 113 feet to the place of beginning. Bounded on the North by land formerly of B.R. Engman, on the East by land formerly of F.C. Borge, Sr., on the south by a street now or formerly known as Goodchildren Street, and on the West by land formerly of F.C. Borge, Sr., being the same parcel of land conveyed from F.C. Borge, Sr., to Mrs. B.R. Engman by Deed dated September 28, 1897, and recorded in Deed Book A-2 at Page 198, Hancock County, Mississippi.

That certain real property located in Hancock County, Mississippi, described in the Chancery Clerk's conveyance of land sold for taxes on September 29, 1999 as: "PT SW 1/4-SW 1/4, SEC. 24-7-15, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI," (being Tax parcel #134F-0-40-009), being more particularly described as follows:
Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 24, Township 7 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi, thence go West 30 feet to a point on the west line of a common, non-exclusive right-of-way easement leading into Gustine public road, thence go North 3.4 feet along the West line of said non-exclusive right-of-way easement to an iron pin; thence go West for 170 feet to an iron pin at the point of beginning. Thence go West 170 feet to an iron pin; thence go North for 90 feet to an iron pin on the South line of a 20 foot wide common, non-exclusive easement; thence go East along said easement for 170 feet to an iron pin; thence go South 90 feet to the point of beginning. Said land containing 0.04 acres, more or less, and being part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Sec-

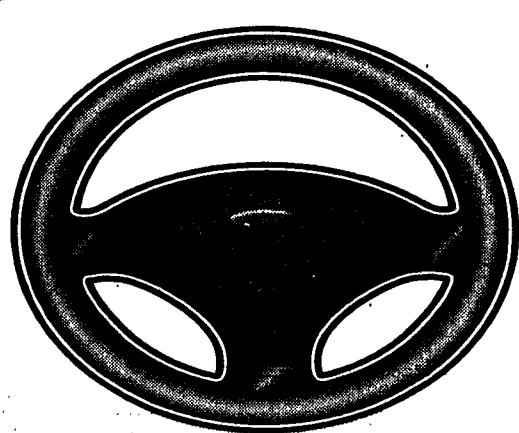
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tion 24, Township 7 South, Range 15 West Hancock County, Mississippi.
You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in the Court by Perry L. Roach, Plaintiff seeking to Confirm Tax Titles and Cancel Clouds on the properties described in the Complaint to Confirm Tax Titles and Cancel Clouds.
You are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to PATRICIA CHAMPAGNE, Attorney for Plaintiff (s), whose post office address is P.O. Box 788 Gulfport, MS 39502, and whose street address is 2222 17th Street, Gulfport, MS 39501. YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIVERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 3rd DAY OF MARCH 2002, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.
You must also file the original of your answer with the clerk within a reasonable time thereafter issued under my hand and the seal of the said Court, this 27th day of FEB 2002
(Seal)
TIM KELLAR CHANCERY CLERK
BY LARRINELL SCRABROUGH
DEPUTY CLERK
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The Sea Coast Echo

Entertainment

Hubbell presents one-man show in BSL

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Hubbell, an award-winning watercolor artist, is presenting a one-man show through March 31 at the Duboual Fine Arts Gallery, 145 N. Main Street in Bay St. Louis.

Hubbell will present 15 paintings. The subjects of the paintings range from Louisiana to north-east, Mississippi and south-east.

Hubbell's watercolor paintings are made from inspiration and are not representations of a particular scene with a lot of detail.

Hubbell has been awarded the prestigious Grumbacher Gold Medal as well as placing in the top three spots in two major art shows.

Hubbell's paintings are the outgrowth of his desire to express and record his respect for the way of life of the people of the South before technology was commonplace.

Hubbell gives a voice to the people of the South and his respect for the God given life with others. Hubbell's paintings range in price from \$125 to \$700 for original works.

Hubbell has four signed and numbered limited edition prints for sale available in the gallery.

Hubbell's "A" is a watercolor painting of a



Artist at work.

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ings and floral "miracles of nature" and his intimate still life paintings are filled with a sense of joy and peace, reflecting the artist's philosophy.

Hubbell's representational paintings combine design and detail, without being photo realistic. He works in his home studio using photographs (which he personally takes) for painting architectural subjects.

Hubbell uses live blossoms or his own photographs for floral portraits. Still lifes are painted directly from his setup. Hubbell's resources are all mixed liberally with his imagination. His paintings are first meticulously done in a pencil drawing before he begins painting. He firmly believes that the ability to draw accurately is necessary to being able to express him by painting.

Hubbell studied at the renowned John McCrady Art School in New Orleans as well as the American Academy and Chicago Academy in Chicago, Ill.

His creativity and technical art skills continue to grow as he learns different painting techniques and adapts them to his work. He works full-time on his art and receives great pleasure sharing the resulting paintings with others.

Upcoming events planned at Beau Rivage

On March 10, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Beau Rivage Pottery Store, a personal appearance by the Beau Rivage Pottery Store.

On March 11, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Beau Rivage Pottery Store, a personal appearance by the Beau Rivage Pottery Store.

On March 12, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Beau Rivage Pottery Store, a personal appearance by the Beau Rivage Pottery Store.

On March 13, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Beau Rivage Pottery Store, a personal appearance by the Beau Rivage Pottery Store.

On March 14, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Beau Rivage Pottery Store, a personal appearance by the Beau Rivage Pottery Store.

On March 15, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Beau Rivage Pottery Store, a personal appearance by the Beau Rivage Pottery Store.

On March 16, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Beau Rivage Pottery Store, a personal appearance by the Beau Rivage Pottery Store.

On March 17, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Beau Rivage Pottery Store, a personal appearance by the Beau Rivage Pottery Store.

On March 18, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Beau Rivage Pottery Store, a personal appearance by the Beau Rivage Pottery Store.

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